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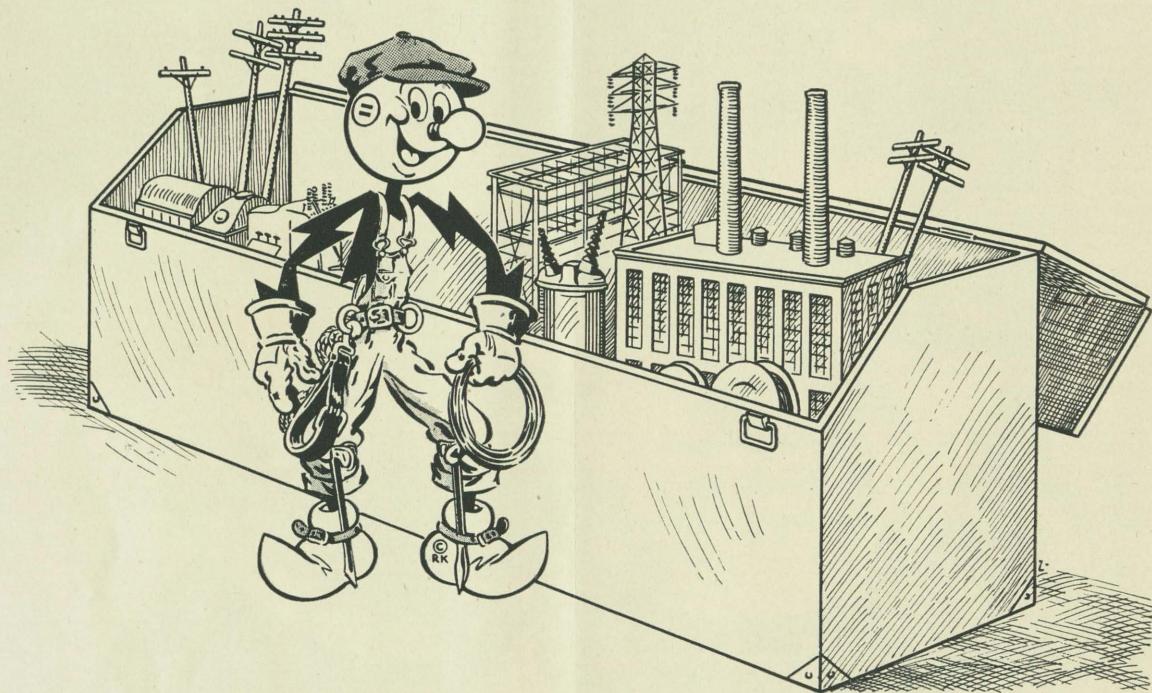
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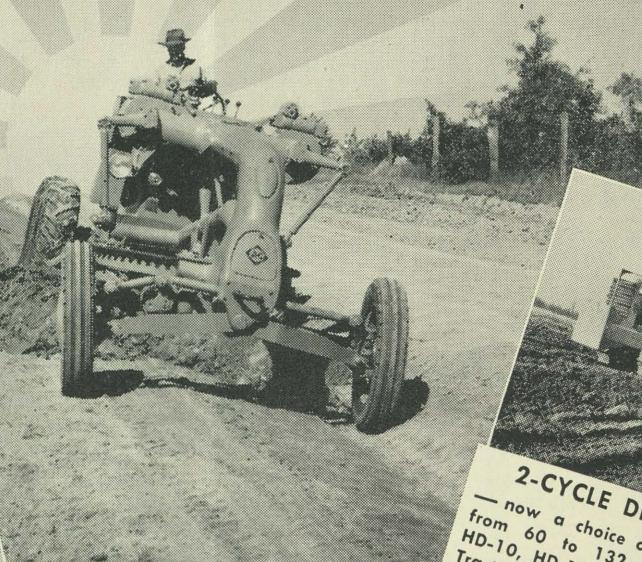
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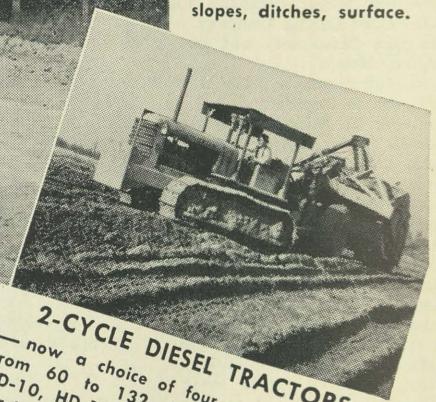


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Florida's Health Problems Can Be Solved

Deaths from tuberculosis and cancer can be prevented. If discovered in time, preventive measures can be taken that would save many lives. Malaria and hookworm can be eliminated. Smallpox, typhus fever and many other diseases can be prevented. Deaths of mothers and infants are frequently due to neglect.

Good health is advantageous to any people anywhere. In Florida it is of exceptional importance because our State depends so heavily for income upon its attractions to visitors. Clean, uncontaminated waterways draw visitors who enjoy boating, swimming and fishing. Freedom from pest and malaria mosquitoes adds materially to the attractiveness of any resort area.

It would be worth many millions of dollars a year to Florida to be able to offer tourists, winter residents, industrialists and potential new citizens, the highest health standing in the nation. We are spending, as Governor Caldwell points out in this issue, 35 cents per capita in State funds for public health.

What should we spend? Well, more than twice that much. A state appropriation of more than \$1,500,000, together with city, county and federal funds would give us a respectable public health program—something that Florida does not now have. The total would amount to nearly the \$2 per capita which health authorities recommend for a standard job of safeguarding the public health. It may not be enough, and it certainly is not too much, considering what we stand to gain or lose. It may be about as much as the State Board of Health could efficiently administer until trained personnel becomes more plentiful and until more adequate facilities are available.

What would the people of Florida get in return for the outlay of 75 cents per capita in State expenditures for public health? Among other things a cancer case finding survey which could be expected to save hundreds, perhaps a thousand, lives every year; X-ray testing of citizens to uncover cases of tuberculosis so that treatment can be given and patients removed from places where they transmit the disease to others; dental care for the school children who are suffering impairments from defects which their families are unable to have corrected; unrelenting war on malaria; a sanitation campaign designed to eliminate hookworm which is causing the waste of educational funds because afflicted children cannot absorb the schooling we are paying for; sanitary engineering covering water supply, sewage and stream contamination; industrial hygiene to save the strength and lives of working people. All this and much more can we expect to get for our average payment of 75 cents a year for a decent public health program.

Under the haphazard, careless, negligent policy which the people of Florida have been following, millions of dollars are being thrown away every year. Prevention is better than cure and less expensive.

A neglected case of syphilis may turn into a case of general paresis and a charge against the state treasury for the life-time maintenance of the patient at the State Hospital at Chattahoochee. If the neglected case does

not result in general paresis, the chances are it will be even more costly in the long run. Diseased persons produce little but must be supported; they infect others. The community loses in production and pays heavily in many ways. It costs only a few dollars to uncover and cure a case of syphilis.

Florida produces many crops. One of its largest crops is that of indigents. We raise our own. No one need wonder where the public charges come from—the people who are not self-reliant or self-supporting—the criminals, the objects of charity, many of the insane. They grow up in each of our counties. They attend school for a while but get little out of it because of anemia, hookworm, malaria and dental diseases. They are able to produce little and they lack ambition. We, the taxpayers, support them. It costs us much more to support each new crop of state wards and dependents that it would cost to give them good health, which is all that most of them would need to turn them into useful, productive citizens.

A good job of education and public health would, in a few decades, all but empty the asylums, hospitals and jails and would trim down to a fraction the rolls of those receiving various kinds of public and private assistance. We can not get a job done simply by paying out more money but we shall never get it unless we pay what it costs—and give it the intelligent direction that it deserves.

Good health costs money. Is it worth it?

Charles O. Andrews George Couper Gibbs

Florida suffered the loss of two great and good citizens on the same day. Both had long records of distinguished public service and both were widely celebrated for integrity and honor.

Charles O. Andrews was one of Florida's two United States senators—a man of great kindness, simplicity of spirit, quiet competence and sound common sense.

George Couper Gibbs was a former Circuit Judge and Attorney General of the State. To him honesty always came first and personal advantage second. He was sincere, conscientious, upright, able.

Thoughtless persons sometimes makes disparaging remarks about the honesty of lawyers and politicians, discounting the possibility that men can rise to places of honor and trust without stooping to shady practices and back room trades. It is a coincidence that these two men died on the same day but it is no coincidence that two men of the same generation of Floridians, who followed the law as their profession and who won and held high political office, were honored by all who knew them as men of unimpeachable integrity. The same generation produced other men who rose to the top in their chosen work and who were successful politically but who never traded off their convictions for votes or preferment. This generation, too, and all that come after it, will have good men and true.

Public Health in Florida . . .

GOVERNOR CALDWELL'S REPORT TO STATE

I want to discuss one phase of Florida's civic life that none of us can be proud of. We are making progress in the improvement of our public schools, custodial institutions, our institutions of higher learning and in the road and bridge building program, in timber production, in agriculture and industry and, in these respects, we can take pride. But we cannot boast of what we have accomplished thus far in improving the health of our people—particularly the health of the children.

The Health Department is doing as good a job as we have any right to expect, in view of the facilities and money we have made available to it. The organization is an efficient one and the State Health Officer is an able, energetic and capable doctor. But the Department's activities are severely restricted because the funds for the necessary and essential operations have not been allocated to it.

There is only one state in the Southeast that spends less, on a per

capita basis, than Florida does for public health. You will probably be amazed to learn that Florida's per capita expenditure for these purposes is the sum of 35 cents. None of us is proud of the fact that each of our people contributes as little as 35 cents for the protection of public health and, I am sure, none would be unwilling to see the state do a more acceptable job.

Cancer Toll Heavy

The world was shocked at the destruction of Lidice. When the Nazis slew the men of Lidice and drove away the women and children, the appalling loss of life was deplored by every civilized person. In net effect, however, it makes little difference to the individual who dies or to the family which survives him by what means that life was sacrificed. He is gone, his earning power and his guidance are lost to his family; his productivity

and services as a citizen are lost to his community.

326 persons died at Lidice—2302 died of cancer in Florida in 1945. Many of those Florida lives could have been saved.

Carelessness, neglect, inertia are as destructive as machine guns. We must not allow people to die because we lack the energy, the initiative or the loyalty to do something about it.

The State Board of Health could initiate a cancer finding survey for \$200,000—less than 10 cents per capita. If the cancer case can be identified early enough it could, almost without exception, be cured. A courageous approach to the problem might cut cancer mortality in Florida in half and result in the saving of more than 1,000 lives each year. The actual saving of these lives would not be fully apparent to the layman immediately because the average cancer case runs for years.



This is the outdoor privy used by the family shown at right. Investigation showed that even it was not used properly or consistently. One of the State Board of Health's big goals is to control rural sanitation through the installation of either sanitary pit privies or flush toilets.



When tested for hookworm and malnutrition, this West Florida family showed "positive" on all tests. They live in a county which only recently voted to have an accredited county health department. Only a tiny spot of picked-over, burned-out garden was evident to supply family with greenstuffs. Mother is expecting her sixth child.



The young lady above was found to be in a serious condition from hookworm infestation just before school closed last spring. She was among a number of such infested children found by the State Board of Health's Investigations and Nutrition Services survey. However, she reacted to the prescribed treatment so well that she was virtually unphotogenic as a "subject" by the time this picture was taken in early July. The sanitation facilities of the home have been corrected in the meantime.

But many could be saved from the beginning and more each year as the effort is followed up. I believe it may be a conservative statement that it is worth 10 cents each to the people of Florida to save these lives. I would be interested in your reaction.

Hookworm Hits Children

Hookworm is a disease that is peculiarly destructive of the energy and alertness of children. For some strange reason white people are more affected than colored—on the ratio of less than 20 per cent incidence in colored persons and 35 per cent in white. More than twice as many children as adults have hookworm and it is found in every county.

Hookworm can be cured but it does little or no good to cure it if the unsanitary conditions for spreading it are allowed to remain. The fight therefore must be a fight against unsanitary conditions.

In some cases hookworm reduces the capacity of a child to learn and develop by as much as 75 per cent, while in other cases the loss is less severe. If we assume that the children in our schools who have hookworm are losing half their capacity to profit from education, then we are wasting one-fifth of our State appropriation of \$18,000,000 each year because of this neglect. That is to say, we are actually getting about fourteen and one-half million dollars in results from the eighteen million we are spending as State aid to public schools because we do not rid the students of hookworm and enable them to assimilate the education we are paying for.

Is it not obvious that we can profitably spend a sizeable sum of money to increase the effectiveness of their educational program and to protect the health of our people?

Malaria Is Destructive

Malaria is another expensive and destructive luxury Florida has suffered for many years. We should turn our attention to that disease and eradicate it.

More must be done about both malarial and pest mosquitoes. They present a health problem and a tourist problem. It will cost some money but the people of Florida are willing to pay the cost of getting rid of the mosquito.



This baby girl caught the welcoming committee off guard by arriving a month too early. Weighing less than four pounds, she was not to be discouraged, squared her tiny shoulders and set about the serious business of surviving with the aid of every advantage offered by private physicians, hospitals and public health. At the age of 11 months, she weighs 23 pounds, height 29 inches, all of which inspires a glowing pride in those concerned with helping the young lady survive. (Photo by RSA State Board of Health.)



This youngster "ails" from summer sores, infected eyes, enlarged joints and hookworm. The condition was discovered by a local county health officer in North Florida. The eye infection and summer sores are infectious and hookworm is "catching" through inadequate sanitation.

These are the healthy children pictured in another pose on our cover this month.

Industrial Hygiene

A program of industrial hygiene, carried out in cooperation with the Florida Industrial Commission is a new but highly important function of the State Board of Health.

The Industrial Commission sees to it that the family of a man killed on the job is given compensation up to the amount of \$5,000. That figure by no means measures the value of a human life—from any standpoint. It is a poor man indeed who is not worth more than \$5,000 to society in economic productiveness alone. If the industrial hygiene program saves only four lives a year, however, it will pay its way on that basis and justify

the \$20,000 set up in the budget for that service.

Venereal Diseases

One dark aspect of Florida's health record deals with venereal disease. No citizen can be proud of Florida's status in the incidence of this blight.

Comparative figures indicate that Florida leads the nation in the rate of syphilis among negroes and is third from the top among white persons. These figures were compiled from selective service medical tests and we may only hope that the work that has been done has somewhat improved our low standard.

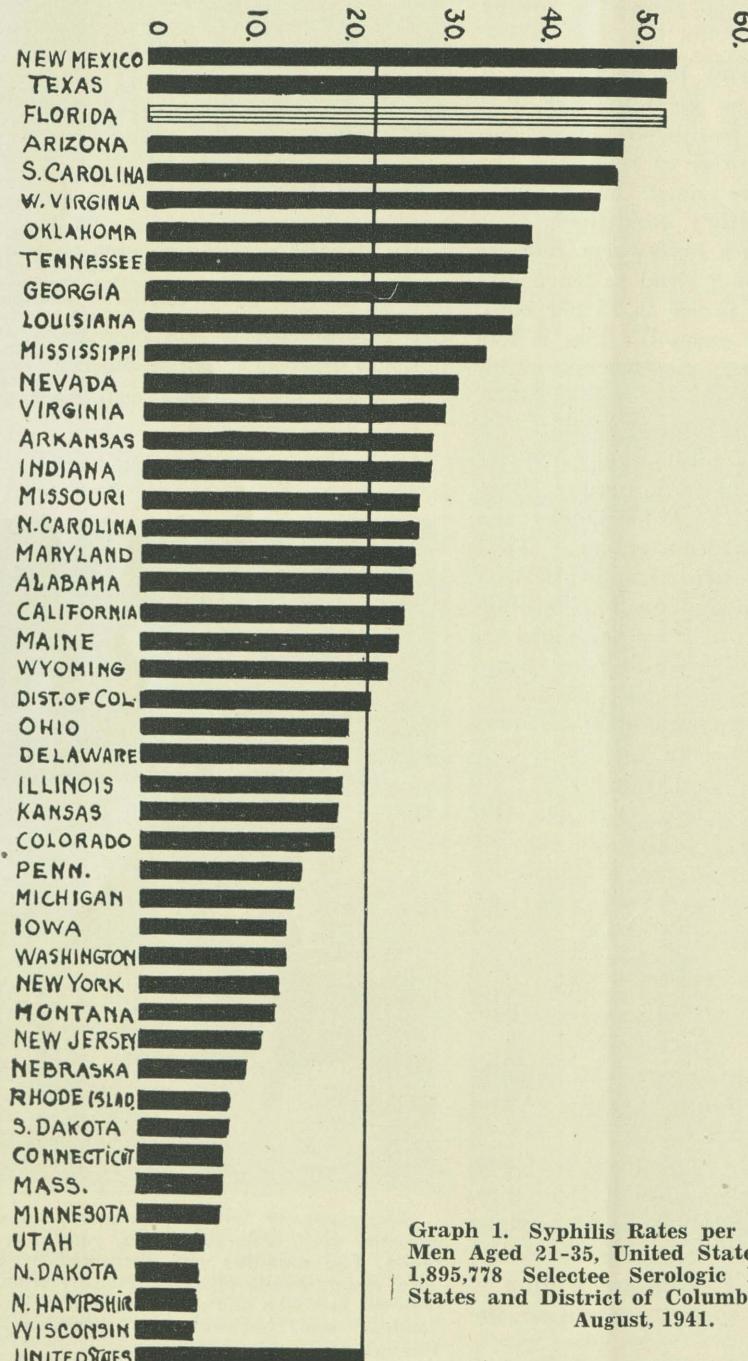
It costs a little money to find and cure a case of syphilis but it costs



Here we have two striking contrasts in water supply facilities on Florida school grounds. Above a school yard in Nassau County. Note the "outlawed" pitcher pump. There is no protection from these gadgets in that the top is open enough for almost anything to crawl through. Also, a pitcher pump nearly always has to be primed, and that washes the dust and other foreign gatherings collected around the top into the well. A big goal is to eliminate this type of water supply on school grounds. (Photo by RSA.)



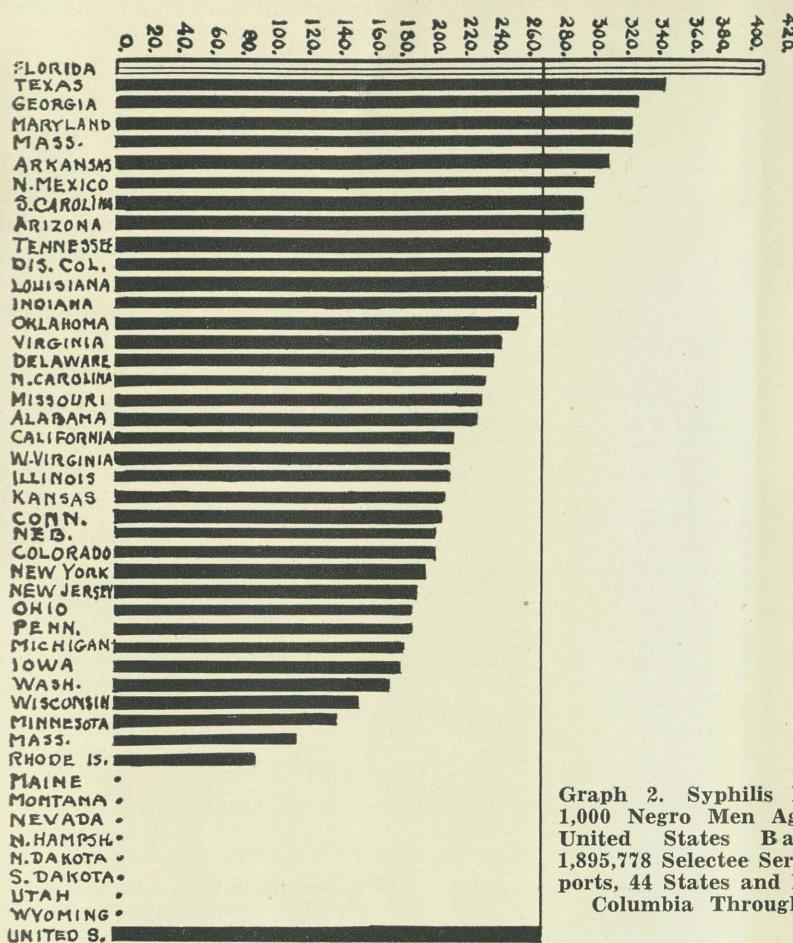
Picture shows the accepted force pump. It is on a Negro school ground in Alachua County. Note the strong fountain flow which is occasioned by virtually no effort on the part of the individual manipulating the pump. Special feature here too is that the water spouts high enough that a child's lips do not touch the outlet, therefore helping to prevent any possible disease transmission. Checking water supplies on school grounds is a responsibility of the local health department. (Photo by RSA.)



Graph 1. Syphilis Rates per 1,000 White Men Aged 21-35, United States Based on 1,895,778 Selectee Serologic Reports, 44 States and District of Columbia, Through August, 1941.

many times that sum to maintain a syphilitic patient with general paresis at the State Hospital at Chattahoochee.

It is now estimated that the expense of identifying a case of syphilis through mass tests is between \$10 and \$11 and that it costs about \$37 to cure that case at the rapid treatment center. In 1945 the Health Department found over 16,000 cases and treated over 12,000. There is no way



Graph 2. Syphilis Rates per 1,000 Negro Men Aged 21-35, United States Based on 1,895,778 Selectee Serologic Reports, 44 States and District of Columbia Through 1941.

of knowing how many of those 12,000 cases cured by the Health Department would have, without the treatment, ended their days at State expense at Chattahoochee. We do know that the number of general paresis cases at the State Hospital ranges between 14 and 16 per cent of the patient population.

In view of the fact that it costs well above \$2,000,000 each year to operate the State Hospital and it costs millions to meet the building needs, it is obvious that, on the basis of economy alone, the venereal disease prevention and cure program is worth while.

Tuberculosis Kills Many

Seven or eight hundred Floridians die each year of tuberculosis.

It costs 25 cents to make an X-ray to determine whether an individual is infected. Out of every 100,000 persons tested, about 1,200 are found to be positive cases and there is one death-to every nine cases.

Early diagnosis and treatment are essential and it is important that the tuberculosis patient be not left unattended to infect others.

Florida is attacking the tuberculosis problem through two separate

agencies. It is the function of the State Board of Health to discover the cases and the function of the Tuberculosis Board to operate the hospitals where treatment is given.

Waterways Spoiled

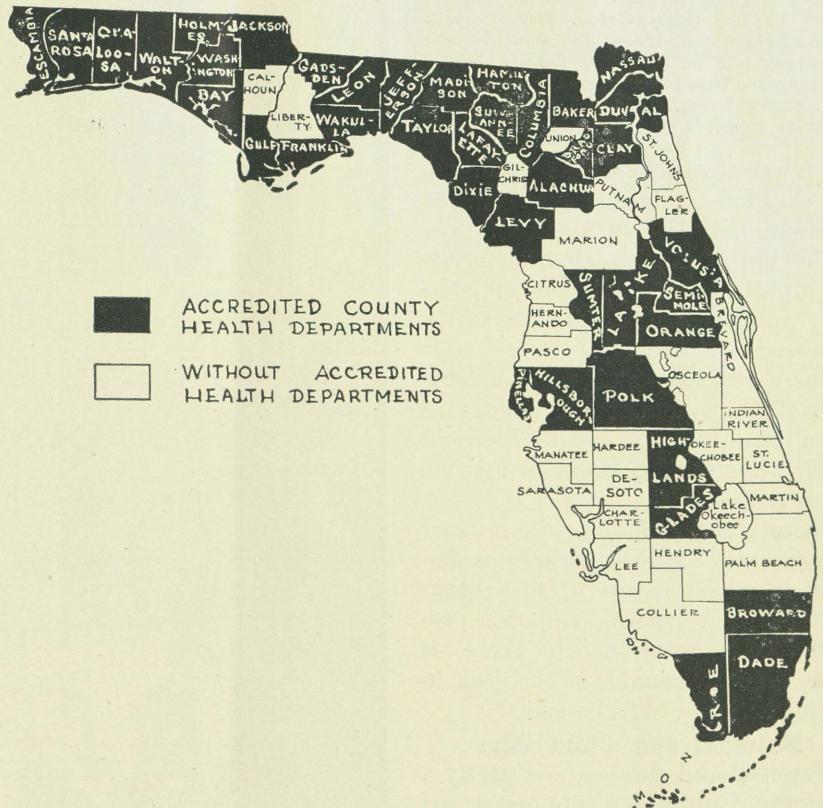
The field of sanitary engineering has been dangerously neglected. It is impossible for the State Board of Health to carry out the activities assigned to that Department on the meager appropriation of \$70,000. That figure will cover the cost of not more than seven engineers and the incidental expense of operation. More money must be made available to this essential function.

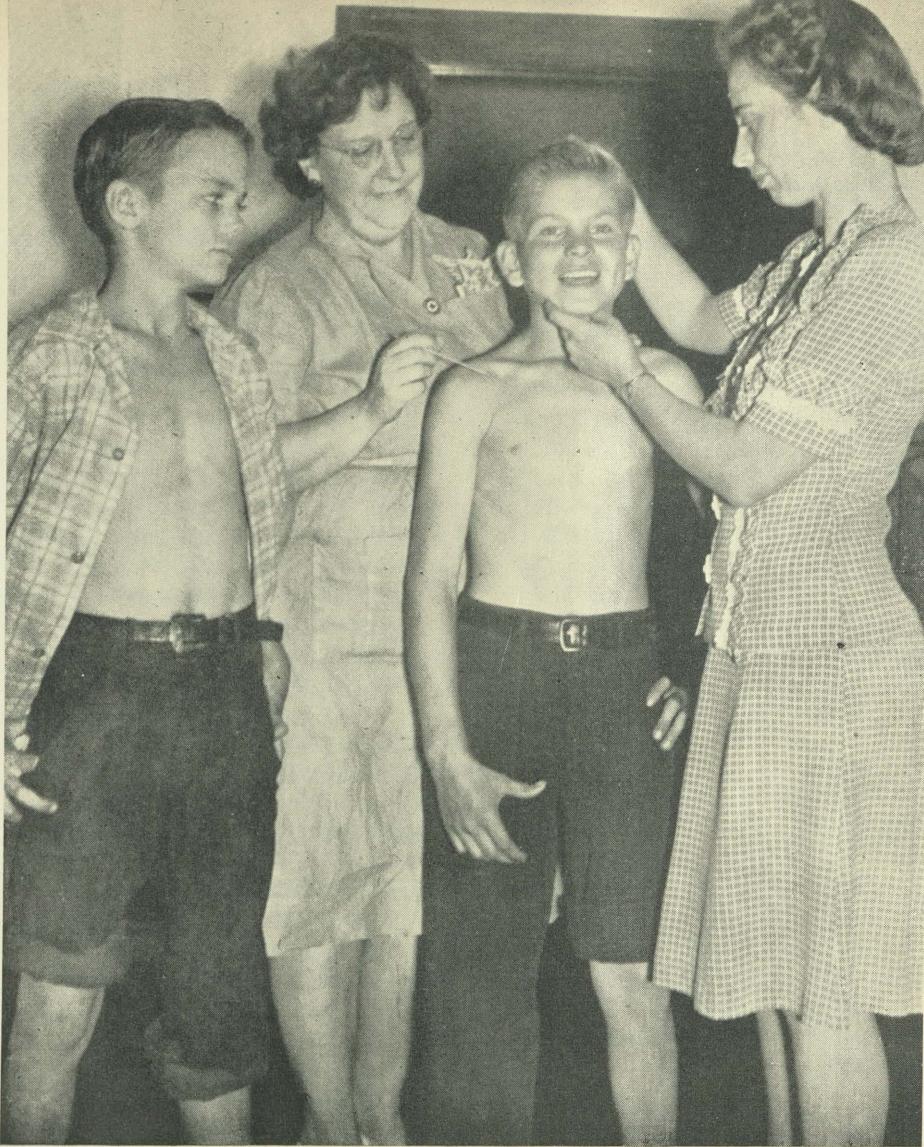
Stream pollution alone is threatening to reduce Florida's attractiveness to visitors and unless corrected will eventually turn the otherwise attractive areas into forgotten lands. Inasmuch as our income depends so heavily upon the bathing and fishing facilities used by visitors, we must not be so short-sighted as to allow our beautiful streams and waterways to be converted into filthy sewers menacing to the health of the people.

Preventable Diseases

Smallpox is entirely preventable

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There can be no question about the "hail and heartiness" of these two boys. They are shown going through a routine examination by Dr. Emily Gates, former State Board of Health, Maternal and Child Health consultant and a Manatee County public health nurse. These boys come from an average county home. (Photo by RSA State Board of Health.)

but fewer than one-third of the people of Florida live in areas where vaccination is legally required.

The use of immunizing materials for diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus and typhoid should be vastly increased.

There is much and commendable interest in polio but the chance of becoming infected is less than one in 7,000, while there is no known means of prevention.

There is a dearth of public interest in many other immediate serious diseases in which means of prevention are known. A general sanitation program, concerning which there is little interest, would be helpful in the prevention of all diseases.

Maternal and Child Care

Maternal and child care is partly a program of providing safe obstetrical facilities and partly a program of

educating mothers and potential mothers in proper care.

If Florida's death rate per 1,000 could be reduced to the rate that prevailed in Minnesota in 1943, it would result in the annual saving of the lives of 100 Florida mothers. There may be factors which would prevent our making our record as good as that of Minnesota but certainly we can look forward to a vast improvement in that field.

Puerperal cases rank fifth in the death of women under 25 years of age.

Many premature infants could be saved.

Ill-nourished and ill-cared-for babies die needlessly.

Dental Health

Dental health, particularly of school age children, is being neglected. Between 80 and 90 per cent of our school children are suffering from some form of dental disease and in many cases this results in loss of

Here are triplet baby girls who are organically "fit" according to the attending physician. The county health department assisted the mother with feeding instructions and routine, and was instrumental in getting a small nursery and individual beds for the babies. County health nurses "look in" on routine visits.

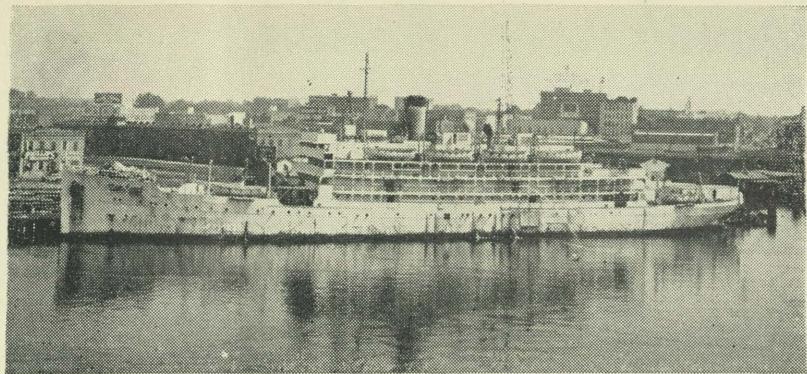


capacity for learning and often in other serious disorders.

About thirty-five per cent of the school population is definitely unable to pay the cost of needed dental services.

Of Florida's 67 counties, 10 have no dentists; 13 counties have one dentist each. Large rural areas are without dental facilities and, in many cases, where the facilities are available, many children are unable to pay for this needed attention.

We are presently providing dental services to indigent maternity and pre-school and elementary school cases through the operation of two mobile dental units. Those units



One of the country's two hospital ships to be assigned to State Health Departments by the Army, the Ernest Hinds, is now in commission in the St. Johns River at Jacksonville. All other Rapid Treatment Centers (Pensacola, Wakulla, Duval and Ocala) have been closed and patients are now treated aboard the Ernest Hinds Rapid Treatment Ship. Treatment is confined primarily to penicillin administered every two hours. The average treatment time for syphilis is now NINE DAYS compared to SEVENTY WEEKS of the type treatment which was considered "modern" only 18 months ago. Ship has patient capacity of about 450 beds and 12,000 patients are expected to be treated annually. Its personnel numbers about 100 and includes three medical doctors and 15 nurses. (Photo by RSA.)



In March, 1945, the War Production Board released a limited supply of the DDT insecticide to State Health Departments to be used exclusively for the control of malaria-carrying mosquitoes. Florida's Bureau of Malaria Control immediately began a campaign to spray virtually every house in the ten counties having both the highest death rate from malaria as well as the largest population of malaria-carrying mosquitoes. This year the spraying campaign was extended to cover 26 counties, but on a more concentrated scale. Although the insecticide was released to control malaria-carrying mosquitoes it nevertheless eliminated flies, bed bugs, silver fish and many other insects that make life miserable and living difficult. DDT spraying, however, is not a recommended substitute for proper screening. Here we see one of the Bureau's trained men giving a mattress a "good and badly needed dose" of the famous spray. (Photo by RSA.)



The above picture calls for considerable thought. The young man is pointing to a difficult bit of rat-proofing around a sewer pipe in the ceiling of a grocery store in Central Florida. Observe closely the discoloration on the ceiling and wall around the pipe. It is known as a rat run and was made by the feet and greasy coats of rats coming and going through the hole in the ceiling which is now covered by "hardware cloth," and completely rat proofed. It has been estimated that most of the rats which frequented this "run" were typhus infected. Should a customer have been bitten by a flea from one of these infected rats, he would have been in for a long siege of illness. In fact, many cases of typhus were reported from this town. In the past 10 years 1,858 cases have been reported as well as 150 deaths. It is currently estimated however that there are at least four times as many cases of the disease in Florida as are reported to the State Board of Health. (Photo by RSA.)

visited thirteen counties last year.

Educational work is being carried on but it is obvious that this service is not anywhere near adequate and must be enlarged.

Health Units

Most of the public health services in Florida must be carried on through local health units. At present only 42 counties, covering 72 per

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Strawberry School

"Strawberry school" opens right after Easter down in Plant City, Florida. While thousands of other students will be enjoying Easter vacation and looking forward to their summer holidays, the Florida youngsters will be just starting their terms. How come?

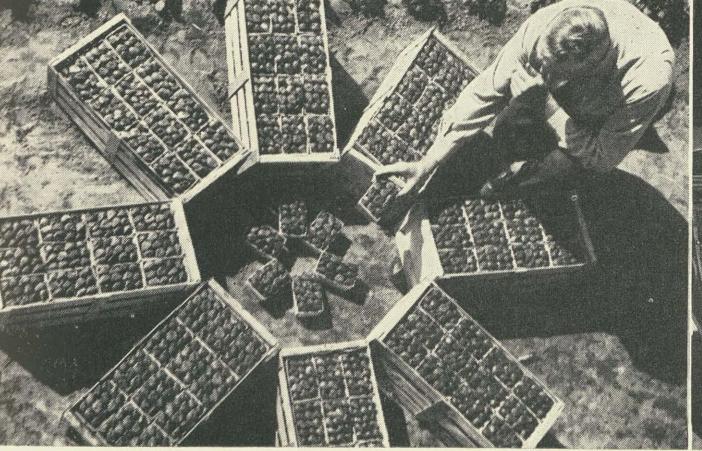
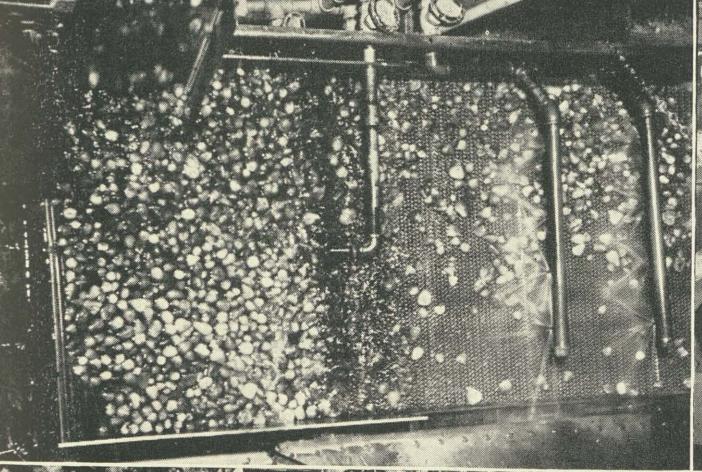
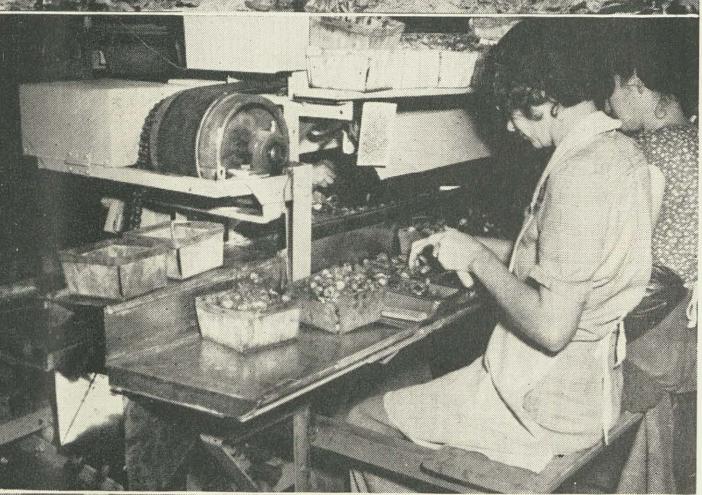
Well, they play an integral part in gathering the winter crop of big strawberries that grow chiefly in that section from Thanksgiving to Easter. While the strawberry "industry" monopolizes the town, the pickers are children from the families of scores of farmers who raise

Above, Dotty Willis of Plant City, a strawberry school pupil, demonstrates that berries taste as good in the field as they do to Derbeta Monta de Oca, below at her breakfast table.



Left to right, top to bottom: School children help grown-ups pick; Reno Gribbins 15, and Thomas Howard 14, of Plant City bring in carrier of picked berries; berries travel in aluminum trough to another conveyor which takes them under a cleansing spray; bruised berries are removed, pared, and used in jellies, preserves and sundae flavoring; fine spray washes berries; women pare bruised berries for processing; careful packing for shipment; loading berries on plane for fast shipment.

the berries. The boys and girls are deft and agile with their fingers and are glad to earn extra money plucking the luscious berries from the plants. So as not to interfere with their education, a novel plan was evolved of allowing them to work during the berry season, and attend classes at its close. Everybody is happy about it, the kids like it, the berry crop is handled quickly and well, and the community prospers. These pictures tell you what happens to the berries from producer to consumer.



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Needed Step

In recommending that the state of Florida allot a million and a half dollars for public health purposes, Governor Caldwell has taken a much needed step in the direction of improving the over-all health conditions of the state.

When offering his recommendations, Governor Caldwell pointed out some facts which are not at all complimentary to the state with a reputation for beauty, sunshine and health.

Final action on the governor's proposal rests with the new legislature. It will be up to these representatives to determine whether or not the health of the state warrants the expenditure of this small amount of money. It would seem that the only objection which could possibly be taken to Governor's Caldwell's program would be on the grounds that it is not extensive enough and that \$1,500,000 is only a drop in the bucket as compared to the actual need.—Miami Daily News.

Florida: A Sick State

Governor Caldwell presented a stinging indictment of the state of Florida for its crass neglect of public health. His list of charges were backed up by cold, hard statistics.

Governor Caldwell also stated clearly why these horrible things are true of Florida: simply because we have not laid out the money for an adequate state public health program. He has tossed that proposition squarely into the laps of the members of the 1947 legislature without fear of the political consequences.

Some legislators are certain to do their best to produce adverse political consequences for the governor out of this issue, as they attempted (unsuccessfully) with practically every progressive measure Mr. Caldwell proposed in 1945. They will picture such things as a cancer control program, more state help to county health units, more comprehensive attacks on venereal disease, and better sanitary engineering, as "fancy trimmings" and "fol-de-rol."

Well, a state is in no better condition than its people. If we are proud of being the champions in syphilis and hookworm and other similar attainments, then we can save that money. If we think that that kind of a disease-ridden, germ-in-fested, filth-covered land is good enough for Floridians to live in, then we can spend the money on something more important. But if the people in Florida are the most important thing in Florida, then we'd better shell out to clean up. And fast.—Jacksonville Journal.

Caldwell And Public Health

Governor Caldwell, being more foreminded than far too many of his constituents, is looking ahead, now, to the 1947 session of the Legislature and sorting out some of the things that need to be done by the lawmakers.

And well at the top of the list is public health. More

than once Caldwell has bluntly said that Florida has lagged behind minimum national standards in its public health program.

Caldwell tells why the additional money is needed, what it should be used for.

Caldwell wants the additional health money to pay for a real cancer control program; give more financial aid to County Health Units; expand and improve the system of combatting venereal disease—which in the long run would save the taxpayers a great deal of money and trouble besides lifting a big load from the State hospital, penal institutions and law enforcement agencies.

These are the Governor's objectives in public health. What is important is that he is talking about an expanded public health program now, and the money to finance it, more than six months ahead of the Legislature's next session.

In doing this the Governor is setting an example that every community in the State and every civic group in each community should follow. On the day the Legislature's gavels sound for a new session is no time to think of public needs too long neglected, of measures too long left undone. Now is the time.—F.B.—Daytona Beach Evening News.

Caldwell Speaks Out Again

Whatever faults Gov. Millard Caldwell may possess, complacency is not among them.

As a result of his refusal to be satisfied with things as they are, there is hope that the people of Florida will become less complacent too, concerning matters that are vitally related to the State's progress and welfare.

Governor Caldwell has a theory that the public should be informed about conditions that exist, whether good or bad. There is no other way to bring about the correction of bad ones, he believes.

He has already bared to public view ugly facts about some of our State institutions. He set up committees to probe into the State's educational and taxing systems and suggest needed reforms. He has never ceased warning the people of the danger of a do-nothing policy in regard to water control.

And now he has come forth with a general criticism of Florida's neglect of the health of its people.

He wants Florida to take its place along side other progressive States in that respect by establishing a cancer control program, providing more help for the county health units, more efficient machinery for combatting venereal diseases, and more adequate and effective sanitary engineering, better hookworm and malaria control, increased facilities for dental care.

And he insists "we must not be so short-sighted as to allow our beautiful streams and waterways to be converted into filthy sewers menacing the health of our people for the lack of sanitary engineers."

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"Why don't you go on, the light's green?" the woman inquired impatiently. "Green?" the man queried loudly. "Are you crazy? The light's as red as your lips." An argument ensued until Junior opened the back door and smugly informed them they were both wrong, that it was red, yellow and green and a bell was ringing. They were all right. The main timer, which controls all Jacksonville traffic lights, had gone "snafu" and signals were flashing all sorts of colors at once.

Carl L. Revell of Sopchoppy reports that Wakulla County's first free flowing well has been brought in at Jack Langston's fishing camp on the Ochlockonee river. The well flows 3,000 gallons per hour.

The scarcity of certain items in Jacksonville restaurants doesn't bother at least one meal-eater-outer. He can be seen almost every day in a downtown restaurant, his pockets bulging slightly. One morning he ordered cereal with peaches. The waitress told him there was no sugar or peaches. "That's all right," smiled the gentlemen, pulling a small jar of sugar from one pocket and a peach from another. He often carries butter in a small jar also.

Before many months, air travelers will be able to land their planes within easy walking distance of Silver Springs and check in at an "aero court" cabin with a private hangar adjoining. Mr. and Mrs. K. G. Richards are the originators of this enterprise and they have cleared an 80-acre tract for their field, laid out three runways and started construction on one hangar. They plan to build eight cabins, a lounge building, and tennis and shuffleboard courts.

Rare wild lilies and orchids have been blooming at Highlands Hammock state park, which also boasts one oak said to be over 1000 years old.

The apple tree in the yard of Mrs. W. L. Wilson of Crestview bore a heavy crop this year, though apple trees which produce in this section are considered a rarity. J. H. Rehwinkel of Crawfordville also had a

few apples from an apple tree in his yard this year.

Sixty papayas grew on a young six-foot plant in the yard of L. B. Jordan of Tampa this season. Other papaya trees in the same yard had only twelve or fifteen papayas on them.

W. F. A. Robertson, a successful and progressive farmer of Florida City, is 70 years of age, but that didn't stop him from learning to fly. He is a student of the Florida Flying Service at Homestead and has five hours of solo time to his credit.

An 86-year-old grandmother, Mrs. Josephine Americus Cason, was crowned queen of the Wildwood Labor Day celebration.

The Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce received a clever appeal from four-month-old Francine Ruth Blondo of Akron, Ohio, for Florida orange juice. The letter was signed with the baby's right footprint.

In the office of Norman C. Edwards, immediate past potentate of Morocco Temple of Jacksonville, an innocent-appearing milk bottle, now well filled with silver coins and crumpled bills, bears the warning "Shrine crippled children's fund, 25 cents fine for any cuss word uttered in this office." A recent count of the cash showed \$49.75 on hand and Mr. Edwards plans to buy a Shrine crippled children's certificate as soon as the necessary \$60 is raised.

In Miami, 21-year-old William I. Horwitt of Freeport, L. I., awaiting his wife's recovery from injuries suffered last January—a few hours after their wedding, has constructed several gasoline-engined model boats and airplanes with no tools other than a razor blade, a file and a pair of pliers. One little hydroplane he built is capable of 50-mile-an-hour speed on the water.

The prize for building the best scale model entered in the recent Dixie States Model contest at Jacksonville was won by George A. Maust, Jr., 17, for his P-35 pursuit plane. George says the prize, a National Airlines New York trip, including a week at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel and interesting tours of

aviation centers, made the two years spent in building the prize-winning model worthwhile.

Red-haired Patty McKee, three-year-old diving star and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Art McKee of Homestead, will soon be photographed in diving acts at the city pool for World News movie service.

Mrs. Aline Yarborough, 18-year-old wife of a Jacksonville mechanic, has solved the housing shortage by constructing with her own hands a cottage containing a kitchen, living room and two bedrooms. Mrs. Yarborough, daughter of a carpenter, says the only work she didn't do on the house was the electric wiring.

U. S. Indian agent Kenneth A. Marmon is working on the possibility of securing admission of two teen-age Seminole Indian boys to a reformatory. The boys are injuring their health by inhaling gasoline fumes, which send the sniffers into a sleeping jag, and it seems impossible to keep gasoline from them. They sleep during the day and prowl at night to steal gasoline and groceries.

A youngster of 7 or 8, standing in the aisle of a crowded Jacksonville bus, asked his 12-year-old companion what the overhead bar was for. "You're supposed to hold on to it, silly," came the reply. Sometime later, riders who had not paid any further attention to the lad were surprised to hear: "Gosh, I just can't hold on to this thing any longer." The boy had jumped up, caught hold of the bar with both hands and was dangling red-faced and perspiring, his feet some inches from the floor.

The third book published by Miss Josephine Strode, supervisor of social services for the Children's Home Society, Jacksonville, has just come off the press of Harper and Brothers Publishers. It is an anthology, titled "Social Insight Through Short Stories," and contains 26 short stories.

Mrs. Stephen J. Langshaw's story book for children, "The Princess of Pelican Isle," to be published this fall by Studio Publications, Inc., was inspired by watching birds along the shore and especially pelicans on an island in Boca Ciega bay near St. Petersburg.

Nicholas Volpe, popular artist-ac-

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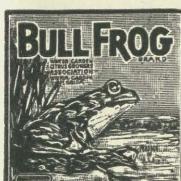
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Escambia County Commissioners had a request to provide a Women's rest room in the county building and referred the matter to James T. Cooper who promised to take necessary steps.

Hardee County Commissioners have ordered the sheriff to apprehend and prosecute anyone damaging public roads in the county by the use of tractors, discs or other hard-wheeled equipment.

M. Leo Elliott, Tampa architect, has begun preparation of estimates on needed improvements to the county jail. The budget board wants the figures to include in its analysis of the 1946-47 county budget.

Franklin County Commissioners together with the Board of Public Instruction completed arrangements for construction of a stadium at Apalachicola, to be called Memorial stadium, dedicated to service men in that section who gave their lives in World War Two.

Heavy rains in Suwannee County, having caused washed-out roads, made it necessary to hold special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. The members made an inspection trip to determine just what repairs would be necessary.

Duval County Commissioners recently approved the appointment of two additional members for the City-County service office. Miss Christine W. Burton was approved as Secretary-stenographer. James E. Bennett, was appointed negro City-County service officer.

Broward County Commissioners adopted the budget for the new fiscal year at a recent meeting with all protests being filed. Millage was not set pending special approval of the school board rate.

Volusia County now has a question of how to spend funds under the budget set up for old commission districts. Volusia County Board of Commissioners has been redistricted and there are now three districts in the East Coast area instead of two as formerly. The reverse is true of west Volusia. District millages and budgets were set up under the former system.

Juvenile Judge Kickliter of Hillsborough county and several other interested persons have opposed a plan

to move the Juvenile Home from its present location near Lake Magdalene. It was planned to move the home to North Hillsborough Avenue. Those protesting to the County Commission expressed complete confidence in the institution's management at present.

Circuit Judge May Walker has approved the Volusia County Commission's second job of realigning Volusia's five Commissioner Districts. The Commission's new districting resolution was introduced before the Judge by Charles W. Luther, County Commission Attorney, in an amended answer to a suit.

Plans submitted by County Road Superintendent J. E. Edwards for a building to house road equipment have been approved by the Sarasota County Commission. The building is to be 40 by 100 feet and construction on it will start as soon as possible at Bee Ridge.

H. B. Hurlbert, one of Duval County's oldest members in service was recently granted retirement by the Board of County Commissioners. He began service with the county in 1921 as a blacksmith and has completed 25 years of faithful and efficient activity.

Work has started on the new Walsingham reservoir dam near Largo, members of Pinellas County Commission have been informed by County Water Superintendent S. K. Keller.

Escambia County Commissioners have endorsed a move to have memorial day declared a holiday in that county so tribute can be paid to the dead veterans of all wars. It is proposed to have the day declared a holiday each year by the Veterans Round Table, an organization of representatives of all veteran organizations in the county.

Pinellas County has nearly one-half million dollars in the county fund with only a month of the fiscal year remaining, Clerk Ray Green has reported to the commissioners. At a recent meeting of the Board, Dr. James E. Mooney, director of aeronautics, was authorized by the commission to provide separate eating, reading, and rest room facilities for negroes at Pinellas International Airport.

At a special meeting, the Orange County Commissioners recommended to the State Board of Control the appointment of Fred E. Baetzman as County Agricultural Agent to succeed K. C. Moore who resigned September 1.

Baetzman has served in the same capacity for Volusia County since 1935.

Dr. Whitney, County Home and Hospital Director, has been appointed County coroner of Hillsborough County Commission. The post is a newly created one and is contingent on the approval of \$1000 in the 1946-47 budget for his salary. As coroner, Dr. Whitney would be asked to perform autopsies and give court testimony.

The entire Court of Record building in Pensacola is to be air conditioned. The Escambia County Board of Commissioners voted to include this improvement along with remodeling of the building.

Members of the Jeffersonian Club of St. Petersburg have begun work towards securing a referendum vote on the question of constructing a new Pinellas County Courthouse at Clearwater. The commissioners have already voted to build such a structure and have estimated the cost at \$1,000,000. The Jeffersonians maintain that such a building would guarantee that Clearwater would forever be the county seat. The purpose of the referendum is to decide whether that location or St. Petersburg offers the most advantages.

Escambia County's Budget Commission has unofficially decided that the millage collected for county purposes during the next fiscal year will not exceed 12.80, the same millage which has been collected during the present year. Members of the commission reached that conclusion after a recent study of the proposed budget.

Pasco County Commission has approved the budget for the fiscal year allowing a slight increase in millage for 1946 taxes over the previous year.

Hillsborough County Commission reversed a decision and decided not to sell timber from county-owned land in the Temple Terrace because the sale would decrease the value of the land.

A referendum will take place in Escambia County at the general election November 5 to decide whether voting machines will be installed in that county. The Board of County Commissioners has decided to settle the issue through the referendum.

Robert E. Williams of Tampa who said he was head of a Tampa Maritime union was denied permission by the
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IT HAPPENED IN FLORIDA

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tor-writer, says his bald head is the reason he said goodbye to Jacksonville and went to Hollywood for a screen test and to do sketches for a screen magazine. It was because the Jacksonville Little Theatre needed a bald-headed man for a role in "A Bell for Adano" that Volpe became interested in acting.

The Palmetto Fiber Company, Washington, D. C., has announced plans for construction of a \$950,000 plant near Punta Gorda for what is said to be the first attempt to produce hard fiber commercially in the United States.

Judge Charles Miller was startled in Jacksonville city court on a recent morning when he read on the docket sheet: Mrs. Charles Miller, white, female, 21, "drunk and disorderly." Mrs. Miller did not appear and Judge Miller remarked, "She ought to at least come into court, I like to get a look at people who pick their aliases from my family."

When kicked in the seat of the pants, don't turn around and fight but keep on going and call the law, advised Judge Baker of Clearwater as he fined Frank Yearwood, Largo businessman \$25 on charge of simple assault. Yearwood said he had gone to the house of Jesse Browning, former Largo policeman, concerning a painting job and was kicked in the seat by Browning as he started to leave for his car.

St. Petersburg Associate City Judge E. B. Ellis was puzzled at Samuel O. Thomas's plea of guilty to a charge of reckless driving. Thomas pleaded guilty, then explained that his right tire blew out and caused him to strike a whiteway pole.

In Pensacola, a Navy lieutenant has been arrested on charges of killing a bull with a bow and arrows tipped with steel.

St. Petersburg police are on the lookout for a considerate thief who entered Rudy's High Hat Drive-In by tearing off lattice work, turned on a light, sat down and read a newspaper while he drank six bottles of cold beer and smoked several cigarettes. He took several packs of cigarettes when he left, after turning off the light, but left numerous cartons and large quantities of wine and other merchandise undisturbed.

Troubles speedily descended on the head of J. F. Barret of St. Petersburg when he reached from the front seat to the back seat of the car to remove his boss's spectacles before his boss, who was dozing, could cut himself on them. He slammed the car into a power pole, breaking it in two and wrecking his employer's car; his employer was injured, Barret was charged with reckless driving and not having a driver's license in his possession, and suffered lacerations about his left leg.

Two cats, owned by Mrs. Lillian Roberts of Miami, fought so viciously on a recent night that they sent their owner to the hospital. When the cats got into a violent argument, disturbing the quiet of Mrs. Roberts' home, she tried to separate them and was scratched so deeply on the hands and legs she had to go to the hospital for treatment.

B. N. Wilson of Ft. Myers, pulling out of a drive-in lunchstand, stuck his head out of his car to wave goodbye to friends and crashed into a telephone pole, knocking it down, breaking the wires and silencing 20 telephones.

A Tampa woman asked for a divorce because her father-in-law, a doctor, told her little girl such gruesome stories about dentists that the child went into a hysterical spasm when she visited the dentist.

In Miami, a man suing for divorce because of desertion, has only the greatest admiration for his wife. He said, "She is a woman of excellent moral character, enjoys the respect of the citizens of her community and has continued to rear our

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An armadillo was recently killed by D. W. Herring on his farm in the Hopewell community near Plant City.

The funny, fuzzy animal, thought to be a honey bear when it was captured by Miami police, turned out to be a kinkajou, which had escaped from the pet shop of Luis Cubillas.

An egg measuring nine and one half by three and a half inches and weighing slightly more than five ounces has been displayed in Stuart by Mrs. M. H. Billingsley of Palm City. The egg was laid by a 5-month-old New Hampshire Red pullet. Grade-A eggs—the largest by government scale—weigh three ounces.

Storm waves tossed a 500-pound porpoise over a river bulkhead into a South Jacksonville street during a recent thunderstorm.

A clean-up conscious Miamian reported to the health department that rats had undermined the monkey cage and ran between the feet of visitors at a tourist Indian village. She was

told, "Don't worry, they're tame."

The Fort Pierce fire department have seven baby 'possums for mascots. The 'possums were rescued by City Fireman Joe McCormie after the mother had suffered a fatal collision with an automobile. They have been hand fed with milk from an eye-dropper.

A full grown 200-pound emu went berserk at the Kendall Rare Bird farm in Miami and kept cash customers away for nearly 24 hours. Pom Pom, as he is known, is usually such a tame bird that Mrs. Dannit H. Mays didn't close the door when she entered the cage to feed him. He became enraged when she offered him a banana and chased her out of the cage, but she finally slipped back in his pen and slammed the door, leaving Pom Pom outside. It required the efforts of seven men to subdue him and return him to his pen.

The litch gate, a covered entrance gate sent from England for the Holy Trinity Episcopal church of Fruitland Park, is said to be one of the oldest in the United States. This church still observes many of the old English customs.

Tallahassee's first post office is now owned by J. Edward Bell and is the home of the Appliance Sales Company. Bell marveled at the sound construction of the New England type building when he found it necessary to tear down two wall partitions. These had to be chopped down instead of being pulled down as is customary.

Frank Winchell, manager of the

Jacksonville tourist and convention bureau, has received a request to adopt a 22-year-old Greek girl, native of Athens. The girl enclosed her picture, said she was very anxious to come to America, and spoke English quite well so she was in a position to work.

Ahmad Mattar, Egyptian journalist, visited St. Petersburg on a tour of the United States, collecting data for his fourth book to be titled "The Memories and Adventures of a Journalist." Mattar has traveled over most of the countries of the world, speaks six languages fluently and understands five others, and has published three books: "Adventures in Ethiopia," "Notes of a Journalist" and a book on South America written in Spanish.

Falmouth Springs, one of Florida's little-known yet picturesque and interesting natural attractions, forms what is probably the shortest "river" in the world. Only 500 feet from the big boil where it disappears into subterranean caverns, the spring is 75 feet wide over the boil and 25 feet wide at its narrowest point. It is reported to be from 50 to 100 feet deep. The water from the spring can be seen entering caves at the far end of the short "river" and continues underground for about three miles to a point where it empties into the Suwannee river.

A collection of more than 4,000 phonograph records that could compare with the best in the nation is owned by Ralph Lyons of Tallahassee.

Miss Ruth I. Jones left her Miami hat shop to two employees and her home to her nurse when she died recently.

The faithful service of Jean Gordon, St. Petersburg housekeeper, netted a jackpot of bequests from her late employer, including \$25,000 in cash, three diamond rings, furnishings, all of her employer's personal clothing, oil paintings and an automobile.

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COUNTY ACTIVITIES AND PERSONALITIES . . .

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Hillsborough Commission to carry a pistol. He said he wanted this protection when it became necessary to cross picket lines.

Chamber of Commerce has been given \$15,000 appropriation from the county commission for its publicity and advertising activities during the next fiscal year and expects to get an equal amount from the city of Tampa when the city's budget is adopted.

Manatee County has discovered that rental suits could be a drain on the county treasury. The Board of County Commissioners recently discussed quite animatedly a bill from the Justice of the Peace Court for \$140, costs in a case where a defaulter on room rent was brought back for trial from a distant point. Ordinarily, the offender would have to pay all court costs, but if he proves involvent then under the law costs must be paid by the county. Such was the case in Manatee and the amount involved in the rental matter was only about ten per cent of the cost of court.

St. Lucie County has offered to help the city of Ft. Pierce to recondition that part of Orlando Avenue located within the municipality—a distance of one and a half miles.

Duval County Commissioners have submitted a proposal to the citizens advisory committee for a bond-financed project which will provide nineteen acres of new water front land, two additional streets, parking space for 1600 automobiles and a new and modern county building. It is estimated that to meet the cost of the land needed on the north shore of the St. Johns river between the two bridges it would require an expenditure of approximately \$3,288,000.

FLORIDA POWER ADVERTISES STATE TO STOCKHOLDERS

When stockholders of the Florida Power corporation opened their regular quarterly dividend checks this month they found that something new had been added. The dividend rate was increased by 25 percent, and the check itself was a newly-designed four color affair, blazing with the spectacular hues of a Gulf sunset. Bearing testimony to the beauties and pleasures of the Sunshine state were a shoreline liberally sprinkled with palm trees and poinsettias, and a lucky fisherman "playing" a tarpon.

This unusual form of state advertis-

ing, which has been sent to the utility's more than 11,000 shareholders residing in all the forty eight states and several foreign countries, will, it is hoped, create additional promotion for the state and the communities which the company serves.

The utility's officials state that this idea is in line with their aim to portray the attractions of the Sunshine state as widely as possible for the purpose of furthering desirable tourist, residential and industrial expansion in this area.

To complete the "come hither" theme, the letter included with the check contained an invitation from Florida Power President A. W. Higgins and the board of directors to the stockholders to visit Florida and make a personal tour of their company's property.

GI's BELGIAN BRIDE RECOUNTS ADVENTURES

An active worker in the Belgian underground at the age of 14, Rosine Abrams, was today recounting experiences straight from a spy thriller in her new home at Miami Beach.

Rosine, now 19, is the bride of 20-year-old Martin Abrams, an ex-GI, of 730 Third St., Miami Beach.

Rosine and Martin met in Brussels while Martin, a corporal in the infantry, was stationed there. He managed to wangle a transfer back to Brussels from Germany and they were wed by the burgomeister of Brussels May 16, a few weeks before Martin was sent home for discharge.

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Transactions of Meeting of Florida State Road Department

MEETING HELD AT TALLAHASSEE ON SEPTEMBER 16, 1946

The Third Quarterly meeting of the State Road Department of Florida was held at Tallahassee on September 16 with the attendance as follows: Mr. F. E. Bayless, Chairman, Messrs. Courtney W. Campbell, S. Kendrick Guernsey, Herman B. Fultz and Robert T. Carleton, Members, and J. Robert McClure, Secretary.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 5

On motion of Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Guernsey, the minutes of the meeting held at Jacksonville on August 5 were approved.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS AWARDED

On motion of Mr. Carleton, seconded by Mr. Fultz, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, pursuant to due advertisement, the Department did on certain dates, as hereinafter indicated, receive bids for the construction of certain projects, and for the furnishing of certain materials, as hereinafter listed; and

WHEREAS, the firms hereinafter named were and are hereby declared to be the lowest responsible bidders therefor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the action of the Chairman in awarding the contracts hereinafter listed, be and the same is hereby approved, which said contracts are as follows, to wit:

CONSTRUCTION

Bids received Aug. 1

9317-108 172, Palm Beach, Brinson Const. Co., \$48,072.67.

Bids received Aug. 8

7102-108 3, Clay, Duval Eng. & Contr. Co., \$94,396.69.

7506-108 & 7011-104 22, Orange-Brevard, J. W. Conner & Sons, Inc., \$389,930.21.

0806-103 & 1415-102 210, Hernando-Pasco, J. D. Manly Const. Co., \$56,668.45.

1204-105 25, Lee, Marion Contr. Co., \$76,316.39.

2903-105 etc. 2, Columbia-Hamilton, Norman P. Ives Const. Co., \$131,983.56.

4814-105 62, Escambia, Smith Eng. & Const. Co., \$61,253.52.

Bids received Aug. 15

4810-103 53, Escambia, Hardaway Contr. Co., \$236,476.00.

F-175(12) 8-A, Polk, Brinson Const. Co., \$44,-137.42.

7004-102 & 7004-103 101-191, Brevard, L. L. Hall Const. Co., \$140,731.14.

9206-103 29, Osceola, Langston-Hubbard Const. Co., \$158,081.73.

7402-104 3, Nassau, Duval Eng. & Contr. Co., \$152,466.00.

1609-112 8, Polk, Marion Contr. Co., \$186,519.94.

Bids received Aug. 22

7508-103 29, Orange, J. W. Conner & Sons, \$105,288.75.

9301-104 etc. 4-140, Palm Beach, Belcher Oil Co., \$34,288.36.

1412-106 210, Pasco, Macaphalt Corp., \$69,-026.64.

5001-106 etc. 1-76, Gadsden, Faulk & Coleman, \$50,364.62.

9101-104 etc. 29, Okeechobee, Belcher Oil Co., \$116,864.48.

Bids received Aug. 29

3619-102 etc. 244, Marion, L. J. & W. L. Cobb, Inc., \$59,858.54.

1309-101 etc. 1, Manatee, Cone Bros. Contr. Co., \$16,537.64.

7003-107 & 7901-106 4, Brevard-Volusia, R. T. Gordon & Co., \$410,095.08.

Bids received Sept. 5

1003-108 etc. 17-23-FM, Hillsborough, L. J. & W. L. Cobb, Inc., \$60,989.25.

3601-108 2, Marion, C-E Const. Co., \$20,934.96.

2904-105 2, Columbia, Caddell & Jackson, \$7,-167.55.

6006-104 40, Walton, F. Rust Smith & Sons, Inc., \$50,533.40.

MATERIALS

Bids received Aug. 12

Concrete Pipe for Rd. 5, Charlotte Co., Shearman Conc. Pipe Co., \$12,540.00.

Bids received Sept. 5

Str. Steel, Machinery and Castings, Rd. 270, Dade Co., Nashville Bridge Co., \$69,945.00.

APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENTS

On motion of Mr. Carleton, seconded by Mr. Fultz, the following supplemental agreements were approved:

9317-103 172, Palm Beach, Belcher Oil Co., \$107.85, Decrease.

5704-104, 5702-101 & 5709-102 10-218, Okaloosa, Smith Eng. & Const. Co., No change.

9302-106 & 9309-903 4-176, Palm Beach, R. B. Tyler Co., \$8,378.13, Increase.

5208-103 186, Holmes, Coggins & Deermont, \$1,-778.40, Increase.

5300-102, Marianna, Jackson, A. B. Covell, \$125.00, Increase.

REQUESTS FOR ACQUISITION OF NEEDED RIGHT OF WAY

Resolutions were adopted requesting the acquisition of right of way for the following projects:

Alachua, Rd. 14, Sect. 2607, Newberry to Gainesville, Guernsey & Carleton.

Holmes, Rd. 1, Sect. 5201(2), West city limits of Bonifay to east line Sect. 6, Tp. 4 N, R 14 W, Carleton & Campbell.

Jackson, Rd. 150, Sect. 5307, Campbellton to Malone, Campbell & Fultz.

Leon, Rd. 377, Sect. 5516, Woodward Ave. from Gaines St., to Rd. 76 in Tallahassee, Campbell-Guernsey.

Seminole, Rd. 202, Sect. 7706, Oviedo to Geneva, Carleton & Fultz.

Volusia, Rd. 4, Sect. 9903, Basewood St. in Ormond to So. city limits of Daytona Beach, Carleton & Fultz.

SPEED LIMIT SET ON ROAD 140 THROUGH U. S. NAVAL AIR STATION, BANANA RIVER RIVER, BREVARD COUNTY

On motion of Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Guernsey, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS the State Road Department has heretofore determined, upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation, that the State speed limit provided by law is greater than is reasonable and safe under the condition found to exist on State Road 140 in so far as the same extends through the U. S. Naval Air Station at Banana River, Brevard County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, from such engineering and traffic investigation the State Road Department deems that a maximum speed limit of 25 miles per hour on said road through said reservation is necessary for safety thereon, and the same has been requested by Captain W. J. Slattery, Commanding Officer of the said U. S. Naval Air Station.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the State Road Department that it does hereby determine and declare that a reasonable and safe speed limit on State Road 140 through the U. S. Naval Air Station at Banana River is 25 miles per hour, and the action of the Chairman in arranging for the erection of signs giving notice of such speed limit along said section of said highway is hereby approved and confirmed, under the provisions of Section 317.24, Chapter 20578, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1941.

SURPLUS RIGHT OF WAY RETURNED TO ORIGINAL OWNER, ROCK PITS ON KEY VACA FOR AIR STRIP

Mr. Fultz presented to the Board a letter from

Overseas Transportation Company advising that, among other lands, they had sold to the Department two ten-acre tracts adjacent to the air strip at Key Vaca (Marathon) for use as rock pits from which rock was obtained for the air strip. The letter further advised that this entire area of the two ten-acre strips has been excavated and of no further use to the Department, and the Company desired to re-purchase the two tracts for which the Department paid \$70.00 per acre.

On motion of Mr. Guernsey, seconded by Mr. Carleton, this matter was referred to Mr. Fultz with authority to negotiate for the sale of this land back to the previous owners, at a price of not less than the Department paid for it.

SURPLUS RIGHT OF WAY RETURNED TO PREVIOUS OWNER, H. A. CHURCHILL ASKS FOR 50' STRIP ON RD. 4, ST. JOHNS CO.

On motion of Mr. Guernsey, seconded by Mr. Carleton, the request of Mr. H. A. Churchill for the return to him of 50 feet of the unused part of the 150 foot strip deeded by him to the Department, lying along Section 7802, Road 4, in St. Johns County, was ordered granted; and the Right of Way department was directed to prepare the necessary instruments for the execution by the Chairman.

RETURN OF SURPLUS BORROW PITS TO PREVIOUS OWNER, SECTION 7501, ROAD 2, ORANGE COUNTY

On motion of Mr. Guernsey, seconded by Mr. Carleton, the Chairman was authorized to execute quitclaim deed prepared for the purpose of returning to Irlo Bronson, the successor in title to the previous owner, South Orlando Farms, Inc., the borrow pits obtained for the construction of Section 7501, Road 2, Orange County.

CANCELLATION OF CONTRACT, PART OF CONTRACT 1572, SMITH ENG. & CONST. CO.

On motion of Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Carleton, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the action of the Chairman, in letter of Sept. 3, 1946 to Smith Engineering and Construction Company, advising them of the cancellation of Jobs 6002 and 5716, parts of Contract 1572, inasmuch as construction on the said jobs had not been started or performed as contemplated under said contract, be and the same is hereby ratified and confirmed as the action of this Department.

APPLICATION FOR REDUCTION IN TOLL RATE ON OVERSEAS HIGHWAY

The Board gave consideration to a letter presented by Mr. Fultz, from the Overseas Transportation Company, Inc., of Key West, requesting a reduction in their toll rate on the Overseas Road and Toll Bridge District because of the volume of freight hauled over this road and because of their claim that 90% of all their freight tonnage is moved south from Miami to Key West, resulting in practically all of their trucks moving through the toll gates empty on the northbound trips.

After carefully considering this request, and noting that it had previously been denied by the State Board of Administration, the Members agreed that, although they were unanimously sympathetic with the application, the Board did not have the authority to grant the reduction in toll rates requested.

CHANGE OF POLICIES IN ALLOCATION OF CERTAIN FUNDS

The question of revising the Department's policies toward the allocation of Federal Aid Secondary road funds and the use of the 80% Surplus Gas Tax monies came up for consideration and the subject was discussed at considerable length.

On motion of Mr. Guernsey, seconded by Mr.

Campbell, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the appropriation for the 3-year post war program for Federal Aid Secondary roads be divided as nearly as practicable into equal parts among the counties of the State, thereby assuring each county of its pro rata share of such funds; that in the programming of these funds first preference be given to Farm-to-Market roads; that to that end, a revision be made in the program for the first year and that such transfer and re-allocation of the funds to projects involving the grading and surfacing of the Farm-to-Market roads as may be found necessary is hereby authorized.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the expenditure of the 80% County Surplus Gas Tax monies recommendations be secured in the form of resolutions from the County Commissioners of the county in which the surplus occurs; that it will be the policy of the Department to follow such recommendations in the programming of said funds, provided the project will be a part of a coordinated system of connecting roads; that the desire of this Department be that this money be spent on what are truly known as secondary roads, and that none of said money be spent on the construction or reconstruction of main arteries of travel, except on explicit instructions and recommendations from the county affected.

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COUNTY ROADS TAKEN OVER FOR MAINTENANCE IN SARASOTA COUNTY

The Chairman presented to the Board a written report on the roads in Sarasota County, compiled by the Division Engineer at his request, showing by type the mileage at this time maintained by the County and the State, along with certain recommendations made by the Division Engineer.

On motion of Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Fultz, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the recommendations of Mr. J. W. Allen, Division Engineer, as contained in his letter of August 27, with reference to Sarasota County, be followed as follows:

1. County road consisting of parts of ID 3, ID 5 and ID 28 from State Road 5 west to Siesta Key and south approximately 5½ miles to Midnight Pass, including Siesta Bridge, total length about 7.5 miles, be taken over for maintenance, with an allocation of approximately \$34,726.98 for reconditioning.

2. County Road ID 13 beginning at State Road 5 south of Osprey, west to and including the Blackburn Point Bridge, a distance of about 1.2 miles; also that portion of ID 13 beginning at State Road 5 just north of Nokomis running westerly to the shore of Little Sarasota Bay and known as the Albee Road, a distance of about 1 mile, be taken over for maintenance, with an allocation of approximately \$7,022.59 for the reconditioning.

RELOCATION OF STATE ROAD 2 IN WHITE SPRINGS FOR THE STEPHEN FOSTER MEMORIAL PARK

Mr. Guernsey brought up the matter of the request from the Stephen Foster Memorial Commission for the relocation of State Road 2 in White Springs to conform with the plans made for the Park.

On motion of Mr. Guernsey, seconded by Mr. Fultz, the Board approved the relocation of State Road 2 in White Springs through the area of the Stephen Foster Memorial Park.

ENTRANCE TO SOUTHEASTERN LIVE STOCK SHOW BUILDING

The Board discussed the request from Mr. Carl G. Rose of Ocala that the Department join in the construction of an entrance and parking

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area at the Southeastern Live Stock Show building at its new location on U. S. Highway 31 north of Ocala. The matter was referred to Mr. N. L. Bryant, Division Engineer, for further investigation and for more information from the State Department of Agriculture.

JOINT MEETING WITH THE STATE IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION

Messrs. H. H. Baskin and R. L. Bannerman, Members of the State Improvement Commission, with Mr. Chas. H. Overman, Director, and Mr. B. A. Meginnis, Attorney, appeared and joined Chairman Bayless, also a Member of the Improvement Commission, in a joint meeting with the Road Board for consideration of several requests which had come before both boards. The matters considered by the two boards in joint session were as follows:

1. Andrews Ave. Bridge in Fort Lauderdale.
2. Proposed new bridge over Escambia River, joining Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties.
3. Road 50 and a short connecting road in Dixie County.
4. Some Farm-to-Market roads in Lafayette County.
5. Roads 92 and 122 in Suwannee County.

The action taken by the Road Board in each instance is indicated under the several captions below.

ANDREWS AVENUE BRIDGE

On motion of Mr. Fultz, seconded by Mr. Guernsey, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, it has been brought to the attention of this Board that the cost of this proposed bridge will greatly exceed the estimates furnished the Department by Broward County,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Department that it hereby reaffirms its previous action, taken at its meeting of August 5 at Jacksonville.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Bridge Engineer be instructed to go to Fort Lauderdale with the Attorney and Director of the Improvement Commission and confer with County and City officials, and prepare necessary plans to get the Andrews Avenue Bridge project underway as soon as possible.

AGREEMENT TO LEASE AND PURCHASE ANDREWS AVENUE BRIDGE

On motion of Mr. Fultz, seconded by Mr. Campbell, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, the State Road Department of Florida deems it expedient and to the best interest of the State to acquire under a lease-purchase agreement the bridge to be constructed by the Florida State Improvement Commission at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, over New River on Andrews Avenue, the said bridge to serve as an

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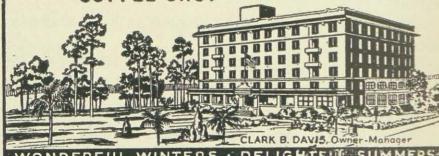
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WHEREAS, this bridge when constructed will replace the existing bridge which is inadequate and hazardous and in an unsafe condition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the State Road Department of Florida that:

—1—

It hereby approves the location and the proposed construction of said bridge by the Florida State Improvement Commission as shown on preliminary surveys, plans and maps prepared by the State Road Department.

—2—

It hereby approves a proposed contract prepared by the Attorney for the State Road Department and the Attorney for the Florida State Improvement Commission, whereby the State Road Department, on behalf of the Florida State Improvement Commission, will prepare or cause to be prepared all the necessary plans, specifications and designs for the construction of said bridge, the necessary construction contract or contracts therefor, and will provide the necessary engineering supervision of the construction work under such construction contract or contracts and directs the Chairman and Secretary of the Department to execute said contract for and on behalf of the Department, copy of which contract is set forth in these minutes hereinafter.

—3—

It hereby agrees that immediately upon the completion of said bridge by the Florida State Improvement Commission that the State Road Department will execute, as Lessee, a lease-purchase agreement with the Florida State Improvement Commission, as Lessor, covering said bridge which lease-purchase agreement shall be in the words and figures as follows:

Lease Purchase Agreement Between the Florida State Improvement Commission and the State Road Department of the State of Florida, Covering Andrews Avenue Bridge, State Road 176, Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida

THIS AGREEMENT, made and executed in duplicate this.....day of....., A. D. 194...., by and between the FLORIDA STATE IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION, hereinafter referred to as the "Lessor," and THE STATE ROAD DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, hereinafter referred to as the "Lessee."

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority of Chapter 22821, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1945, and Chapter 420 of the Florida Statutes of 1941, the Lessor was authorized to construct the Andrews Avenue Bridge on State Road 176 over New River in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, hereinafter

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more particularly described, and has constructed the same; and

WHEREAS, said bridge is an essential connecting link in State Road Number 176 in Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, by authority of said Chapter 22821, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1945, and Chapter 420 of the Florida Statutes of 1941, said Lessor is authorized to lease or sell said bridge; and

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of Florida, Acts of 1941, (Section 341.63 Florida Statutes 1941) the Lessee is authorized to lease and/or purchase said bridge; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed by the parties hereto that the lease-purchase of said bridge as herein provided is highly advisable and for the best interest of the State of Florida and the City of Fort Lauderdale and the County of Broward;

NOW, THEREFORE, WITNESSETH: That for and in consideration of the sum of One (\$1.00) Dollar this day paid by each party hereto to the other, the receipt wherefor is hereby acknowledged, and in further consideration of the mutual and dependent covenants of the parties hereto

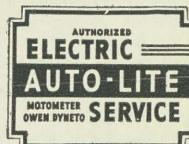
and other good and valuable considerations as hereinafter set forth, the said Lessor does by these presents lease to the said Lessee, its successors and assigns:

THE ANDREWS AVENUE BRIDGE ON STATE ROAD 176 over New River in the City of Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, State of Florida, together with all the structures connected therewith and approaches thereto and all property rights, easements and franchises relating thereto and necessary and convenient in connection with the operation thereof, and together with all the improvements thereon, and the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging or in anywise appertaining.

TO HAVE, HOLD, USE AND ENJOY the said leased property together with all the rights, easements, members and appurtenances thereto belonging or in anywise appertaining, unto the said Lessee for a period and time of years from the date hereof and so long as the Lessee shall keep, comply with and perform the terms and conditions of this agreement hereinafter set forth.

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The Lessee on its part agrees to and does hereby lease and take over from said Lessor all of the above described property comprising the said bridge and approaches thereto and all property appurtenant thereto and in consideration thereof does hereby promise and agree to and with said Lessor as follows:

1. The Lessee will pay a total rental for said bridge and approaches thereto, the sum of Dollars or an amount equal to the total obligations and expenses incurred or paid by the Lessor in financing the construction of, and in constructing, said bridge, whichever is the lesser sum, payable in annual installments of Dollars or a sum equal to of said amount equal to the total obligations and expenses incurred or paid by the Lessor in financing the construction of, and in constructing, said bridge, whichever is the lesser sum. Said annual installments of rent shall be payable as follows: The first of said installments shall be paid on the date of this lease and the remaining installments shall be paid years, respectively, from the date of this lease.

PROVIDED, that the rentals paid by Lessee as aforesaid shall be paid from any State Road funds or other funds available for the lease or purchase of toll bridges connecting roads of the state highway system. Said rentals shall be paid direct to the State Board of Administration for administration and disposition in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 21853, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1943.

2. The Lessee will, solely at its expense, at all times during the continuance of this agreement maintain the bridge and approaches in good repair and in sound operating condition and will make all necessary repairs, renewals and replacements.

3. The Lessee will, solely at its expenses, at all times keep all of said property insured for the benefit of the Lessor and Lessee, as their interest shall appear. The Lessee will pay the premiums for such insurance solely from funds available for the rentals under this lease-purchase agreement.

4. The Lessee will, solely at its expense, at all times during the continuance of this agreement operate the said bridge free of tolls as a part of the State Road system.

5. If and when the Lessee shall have performed all of the covenants hereunder, and shall have paid the rental hereinabove provided for for the full term of the lease, then the title and absolute ownership to all the property included in the lease shall thereupon immediately be vested in the State of Florida in fee simple; and the Lessor covenants and agrees to, and will thereupon, deliver to the Lessee such deeds and conveyances as may be necessary or convenient

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Lessor has caused these presents to be executed on its behalf in its corporate name by its Chairman and its Secretary and its corporate seal to be hereunto affixed and duly attested, and the Lessee has caused these presents to be executed on its behalf in its corporate name by its Chairman, and its corporate seal to be hereunto affixed and attested by its Secretary, all as of the day and year first above written.

FLORIDA STATE IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION

By: Its Chairman

ATTEST: LESSOR

Its Secretary

STATE ROAD DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA

By: Its Chairman

ATTEST: LESSEE

Its Secretary

Contract Between State Road Department and Florida State Improvement Commission relative Construction of Andrews Avenue Bridge Fort Lauderdale, Florida on State Road 176

THIS AGREEMENT, made and executed in duplicate this day of A. D. 1946 by and between the State Road Department of Florida, hereinafter referred to as the "Department," and the Florida State Improvement Commission, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission."

WHEREAS, pursuant to applicable provisions of law the Department and the Commission are authorized to enter into this agreement in order to facilitate the construction of the Andrews Avenue Bridge by the Commission over the New River at Fort Lauderdale, Florida on State Road 176, which bridge, when constructed, will serve a legitimate public purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, WITNESSETH: That for and in consideration of One (\$1.00) Dollar this day paid by each party hereto to the other, and for other good and valuable considerations, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. The Department will prepare or cause to be prepared for the Commission all plans, specifications and engineering designs for the location and construction of said bridge.

2. The Department will prepare for and in the name of the Commission the necessary construction contract or contracts for the construction of said bridge, including notices for bids thereon, and will lend the Commission all necessary assistance in letting such contract or contracts to the lowest responsible bidder or bidders.

3. The Department will supervise for and on behalf of the Commission all of the work of the contractor or contractors under said contract or contracts, which shall include making all measurements and estimates, and certificates of all work performed and to be paid the contractor or contractors by the Commission under such contract or contracts.

4. The Commission agrees that for any services rendered by the Department as hereinbefore agreed it will pay the Department its actual out of pocket costs on bills or requisitions covering the same as are submitted by the Department.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties have caused this agreement to be executed the day and year first above written.

STATE ROAD DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA

By: Chairman

ATTEST: Secretary

FLORIDA STATE IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION

By: Chairman

ATTEST:

PROPOSED BRIDGE OVER ESCAMBIA RIVER

Mr. J. McHenry Jones, Attorney for Molino Bridge Authority, appeared before the Board in the interest of a bridge over the Escambia River between the Escambia Bay Bridge and the Century Bridge connecting Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties. He pointed out that for about 40 miles of river there is no bridge and this acts as a barrier between the two counties. He stated a bridge in this vicinity would open up Santa Rosa

County in moving produce to Escambia County, and advised that the County Commissioners of both counties have passed resolutions pledging their 80% Surplus Funds for the retirement of bonds should they be issued by the Improvement Commission for the building of this bridge. He estimated the cost at approximately \$900,000.00, with Escambia County offering to participate to the extent of two-thirds of the cost and Santa Rosa County, one-third. He requested that a location for this bridge be made by the Road Department about one-half way between the Escambia Bay Bridge and the Century Bridge, at any point they deemed best.

On motion of Mr. Carleton, seconded by Mr. Campbell, the Road Board gave its unanimous approval to the above plan in general, with the exact location of the bridge to be determined by a survey.

ROADS IN DIXIE COUNTY

Dixie County was represented by Messrs. Roy Hendry, Chairman, and P. E. Sheppard, Member of the Board of County Commissioners, and they were joined by Mr. J. H. Dowling, former Chief Engineer for the State Road Department. Mr. Dowling spoke for the delegation in behalf of the construction and paving of Road 50 from Old Town to Salt Creek Bluff, near the mouth of the Suwannee River, and of a State-designated road leading from Road 50 near Alvin Dempsey's store to Rock Bluff on the Suwannee River, a distance of about 3 miles. He stated these roads to be very important farm-to-market roads, for which the County Commissioners have by resolution pledged their 80% Surplus Gas Tax funds for the retirement of bonds should a lease-purchase agreement be entered into between the Road Department and the State Improvement Commission. He suggested a 16-foot Sand Bituminous Road Mix pavement for these roads, but

left that decision to the judgment of the Department. His estimate of the cost of Road 50 from Old Town to Salt Creek Bluff at approximately \$400,000.00, and the 3-mile section of road at about \$30,000.00.

On motion of Mr. Guernsey, seconded by Mr. Carleton, the Road Board gave its approval to the general plan presented by Dixie County.

FARM-TO-MARKET ROADS IN LAFAYETTE COUNTY

A delegation from LaFayette County composed of Mr. Lester Summersill, County Attorney, Messrs. W. R. Bell, Chairman, and D. E. Webb, John C. Thomas, Walter E. Buchanan and Elbert Pearson, Members of the Board of County Commissioners, appeared before the Board at this time. Mr. Dowling joined this delegation also.

Mr. Summersill presented a resolution from the County Commissioners asking for about 40 miles of farm-market roads, and filed a map indicating the roads included in their request. He stated that practically all of these projects are graded sand-clay roads, on which they desired a 4-inch bituminous road mix pavement 16 feet wide. Mr. Dowling gave an estimate on the cost of such pavement as between \$12,000 and \$15,000 per mile.

The Board expressed sympathy in their request but referred the matter to Division Engineer Slade for further investigation in order that more detailed information might be available at the next meeting.

ROADS 92 AND 122 IN SUWANNEE COUNTY

On motion of Mr. Guernsey, seconded by Mr. Fultz, the following resolution was adopted:

IN VIEW OF THE FINDINGS THAT THE COST OF CONSTRUCTING ROADS 92 and 122 will be materially increased over the estimates as pre-

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sented at the meeting of this Board in Jacksonville on August 5.

BE IT RESOLVED that this matter be resubmitted to Suwannee County for its approval of this additional cost; and that if the County Commissioners of the said county approve this additional cost and by resolution express their wish to proceed with these projects, then the action of this Board at its meeting of August 5 be and it is reaffirmed.

The State Improvement Commission withdrew at this time, leaving the Road Board as recorded in attendance at the opening of the meeting.

STATE ROAD 30 IN HILLSBOROUGH
COUNTY

County Commissioner Elbert Moore presented a request from Hillsborough County for the Department to give a new surface treatment to that part of State Road 30 between Ruskin and its intersection with State Road 5. He filed a map showing its layout and called attention to its being the only road between Bradenton and the 22nd Street Causeway that can accommodate traffic when for any reason it becomes necessary to close either of State Roads 5 or 23. He said that this road has been used by the Department as a detour during construction of Road 5 and will be used again, and although the road is used by a regular bus line and heavily used by commercial vehicles it has never cost the Department anything for maintenance.

Division Engineer Sam Turnbull spoke about the road and estimated the cost of a new surface for this section would be about \$28,598.35.

On motion of Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Guernsey the Board voted to surface-treat the road, but upon its completion to turn it back to the County for maintenance.

POLICY RELATING TO ACQUISITION OF
RIGHTS OF WAY FOR PRIMARY ROADS

On motion of Mr. Guernsey, seconded by Mr. Campbell, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, for many years the State Road Department has followed the policy of constructing state roads on rights of way furnished by and at the expense of the several counties and municipalities because thereunder the Department was permitted to use all of its funds for construction and maintenance purposes, with the costs of the rights of way paid by the counties

and municipalities, being their contribution to the cost of state roads therein; and

WHEREAS, the policy of the counties and the municipalities acquiring rights of way for state roads has been found to be far more economical than would be the case if the State Road Department were undertaking to acquire them at state expense, and

WHEREAS, on certain existing primary state roads through highly developed areas it has lately been found that the cost of acquiring right of way to widen or relocate or replace said roads is beyond the present means in many cases of such counties and municipalities; and

WHEREAS, in view of such conditions it is considered advisable in order to take advantage of Federal Aid grants and proceed with the widening or relocating or replacing of such primary roads, to assist the counties within the long established principle of their paying the cost of such right of way, by making advancements of state road funds for the acquisition of the right of way to widen, or relocate or replace said roads, such advancements to be repaid out of new unobligated 80% County surplus gasoline tax funds when and as such funds accrue, with such advancements to be made under the conditions hereinafter stipulated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the State Road Department that where right of way to widen or relocate or replace an existing primary road is requested by the Department to be acquired by a County, and it appears impractical or impossible for the county or municipality through which such primary road extends to pay the costs or a part of the costs of acquiring the necessary rights of way therefor, the Department may, on request and recommendation of the Board of County Commissioners of such county, advance the funds to the county to acquire such rights of way, such advanced funds to be paid for actual right of way deeds or for condemnation awards as are accepted and approved by the Right of Way Division of the Department, with the county furnishing the County Attorney's services, abstract costs, appraisal costs, the services of persons negotiating for such right of way and other incidental costs; provided such advance shall be repaid the Department out of new unobligated 80% surplus gasoline taxes of such county as same accrue and in such amounts as the Department shall from time to time see fit to deduct. Permanent

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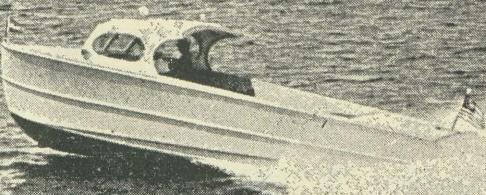
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records of such advances shall be kept in the office of the Department and such advances shall be listed as Accounts Receivable in the Department's annual budgets; provided no advance shall be made to any county except out of state road funds set aside for use in the Division in which the county is located.

PROVIDED further no advance shall be made for new roads not now in existence and under maintenance of the State Road Department, except that such advances may be made for substitute or new routes to replace or supplement existing primary federal aid roads which form parts of the State Road System.

TEST STRIP OF ROAD IN MUCK SECTION

Mr. Fultz brought up the question of construction of roads in the muck sections of the state. He suggested that a test strip of road be built directly on the muck with the fill to be constructed not less than 100 feet from the canal from which the fill material is dredged; and if this proves satisfactory it would be very much cheaper than the present method of excavating the muck material down to rock and then having to fill in with rock.

The Board decided that the section of road from South Bay to Geerworth should be constructed, and that either all or a part of this section would be constructed according to the method suggested by Mr. Fultz as a test strip.

ROAD 376—DUVAL COUNTY—DESIGNATED BEACH BOULEVARD

Mr. Guernsey advised that he had received a resolution from the Board of County Commissioners of Duval County asking that Road 376, formerly known as Hogan Road, be designated as Beach Boulevard.

On motion of Mr. Guernsey, seconded by Mr. Carleton, the Board approved the request of the Commissioners for making this change in the name of the said road.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY REQUESTS

Resolutions from the County Commissioners of Hillsborough County made the following requests:

1. That the Department take over the continuation of Road 156 from Road 17 to 40th Street or the city limits; and that said road be resurfaced.

No action was taken on this request at this time.

2. That the Department survey Road 316 for the purpose of repair and beautification; that the Department be asked to remove the unsightly rock pile on this road.

No action was taken on this request except that Mr. Campbell said he would give this matter his personal attention.

CASSADY DITCH IN SEMINOLE COUNTY

Responding to the request of the County Commissioners of Seminole County that the Department clean out Cassady Ditch, near Elder Springs, the Board agreed to have this done, with the understanding that this is the last time the Department will do this.

PASCO AND SUMTER COUNTIES

Senator J. C. Getzen, representing Pasco and Sumter Counties, was present at the meeting, accompanied by Dr. A. A. Monaco.

REQUEST FROM WEWAHITCHKA

A resolution received from the City Commission of WeWAHITCHKA requested the Road Department to lower the grade and resurface certain sections of State Road 6 through the city.

On motion of Mr. Guernsey, seconded by Mr. Fultz, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that this Board feels that it cannot grant the above request of the City of WeWAHITCHKA because the same would not be in conformity with the views held by the Department's engineers.

DATES AND PLACES FOR MEETINGS

On motion of Mr. Fultz, seconded by Mr. Carleton, the Board voted to hold the next meeting on October 21 at West Palm Beach, and one on December 9 at Tallahassee.

There being no further business to be transacted at this time, the meeting was adjourned.

GOV. CALDWELL SAID IT

Two questions of interest to Florida vegetable growers monopolized the attention of those in attendance at the annual meeting of Florida Farmers Market managers here.

One had to do with the dangers of foreign competition and the need of more tariff protection for the American winter vegetable industry. The other discussion dealt with better methods of preparing Florida vegetables for the market.

The former is an old complaint that has been kept alive in certain quarters for years while the Florida winter vegetable industry continued to expand instead of being ruined as so often predicted.

In his banquet address to the marketing group Gov. Millard Caldwell made known his lack of sympathy with the views of the high tariff group when he expressed the hope that the time will come when neither American industry nor agriculture will require such support. The governor more than hinted to his hearers that they ought be hoping for free trade between nations rather than higher tariff rates.

Governor Caldwell is right and the sooner the Florida vegetable industry realizes that its salvation doesn't lie in high tariff walls the better off it will be. For keeping ahead of foreign competition the industry can much more safely rely on improved production methods and better marketing. It must take advantage of all the new instruments and methods being made available by modern scientific research and inventive genius.

If housewives want to buy their fresh vegetables in packages tied with pink ribbon, then growers must get ready to ship them that way. The experiments to be made in modern packaging at several farmers' markets next season are highly encouraging. They indicate a recognition of the need of keeping up with the times.

Let the industry continue to keep its eyes on the future and it won't have much to fear from the old specter of foreign competition, that never was as dangerous as it looked anyway.—Palm Beach Post.

THE RURAL ROAD PROBLEM

A half century ago The Advertiser began the advocacy of a good roads system in Holmes County. At that time, of course, roads in the county were nothing more than blazed out trails through the piney woods. "Road workings" by male citizens between the ages of 21 and 60 were frequent, but ineffective. However, be it said that travel in those days was very limited and roads was not the pressing problem of the people as they are today. Even so, the roads of that early date were far more adequate to the needs of the people than are the supposedly "improved" roads which farmers and others have to contend with today in every rural section of Holmes County, and, for that matter, in practically every other county and rural section of Florida.

Now, after fifty years of progress (?) in road building where do we stand? Are our roads today serving the public as well as they did back in the "horse and buggy days"? We do not think so. In those days the roads were seldom impassable, even in the wettest weather. But what of today? Who can get in an automobile today and travel with reasonable safety and speed the rural roads of Holmes County, or any other county? (Holmes has no monopoly on bad roads.) It would be interesting to know how many cars and trucks have been "stuck" in the county in the past week or during the unusual rainy spell which has prevailed in this section this year. How many rural peo-

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ple have been compelled to remain at home because of bad roads, and how many business people have been forced to abandon all business connections with people living in rural sections because of impassable roads? How much mail and goods and services have been delayed in rural sections because of bad roads? The sick have gone without medical care, and the schools, if they were open, would have to close down in many sections.

Oh, we know weather conditions have been unusual and this factor has seriously aggravated the problem in recent months. But looking back over forty or fifty years we face the fact that we are still "stuck in the mud"—or worse.

What is the answer to our road problem? Shall we continue to throw up graded dirt roads only to have the first rain come along and wash them out? Shall we continue to pour thou-

sands of dollars in such a "system" for the next fifty years, as has been done in the past half century?

Yes, we shall continue to do that very thing in an effort to improve our situation the best we can. But the problem of rural roads in Florida will not be solved until the State and Federal governments can be made to see their joint responsibility and give to the rural sections, which feed and maintain the world, the same consideration as is given to the more populous sections that enjoy super highways.

It is high time rural Florida was getting a break in road construction and maintenance.—Holmes County Advertiser.

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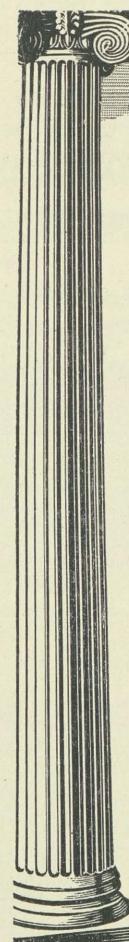
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PUBLIC HEALTH IN FLORIDA

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cent of the population, have full-time departments.

It is estimated by competent public authorities that a complete and effective health program costs about \$2 per capita. It is not necessary for the State to appropriate the full \$2 but a complete service would require a State appropriation of the difference between the \$2 and the funds available from Federal, city and county sources. That appropriation would increase the State's allotment for health purposes from about \$800,000 annually to more than \$1,500,000. That step would double the amount the state is now contributing to public health but, when the advantages are weighed, it strikes me as being a conservative investment. It would put us in line with some of the more progressive states in this field, giving us a cancer control program, providing more help for the county health units, more efficient machinery for combatting venereal diseases and more adequate and effective sanitary engineering. It would ex-

SHE HAS A SEAL! SHE HAS A SIGN! IS SHE A NOTARY?

When is a notary not a notary?

That is the question hushed voices were asking in the county courthouse today.

About three years ago a woman applied for a notary public bond, which was approved by the board of county commissioners. Whereupon she obtained a seal, hung out her sign, and began to perform her duty on deeds, mortgages, and other solemn-looking instruments.

What the lady didn't realize was that the approval of the county board was just a preliminary, and that she was supposed to get a notary public's certificate from Tallahassee before going into action.

The horrible truth came out yesterday in connection with the filing of a

pand our public health program all along the line and would save the lives of many Florida citizens.

It strikes me that the program is worth-while and is worth the cost. I believe the vast majority of Floridians will agree with that judgment.

Pennsylvania deed. The laws of that state call for verification of the notary's status, and it appeared the lady didn't have any.

Everyone seems to have acted in good faith, however, and it is hoped that something unusual can be done, like getting her a commission that will be retroactive to the time she began to operate.—Jacksonville Journal.

MONEY IN THE SOUTH

Since the time of the civil war, one of the oft-recurring complaints heard from Southerners was that they had to go way-up-nawth to do their financing. The money market, they said, was controlled by the Yankees. Whatever there was to this argument, the tide seems to be turning the other way right now. We are thinking of a Philadelphia firm coming south to borrow \$5,500,000 from two dyed-in-the-wool Dixie life insurance companies, the Jefferson Standard and the Pilot Life, both of Greensboro, with which to buy a radio station.

It is nothing new, of course, for Yankee capitalists to come South for talent with which to man their wireless stations, just as they have been coming south for years to get their baseball players, their business executives, their dancers and their own personnel requirements. But with the reputation they have for toting money bags, we are just a mite surprised that they would be down this way looking for cash.—Shelby (N.C.) Daily Star.

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The above drawing sums up the story of Florida's public health center buildings. Of the 41 health departments in the State it would be difficult to give as many as 30 a "passable" rating. Bill S-191 now before Congress would allow 59 percent of build costs for new buildings. But the decision to take advantage of this financial aid by adding the remaining 41 percent rests entirely with the local communities—"Shall it be this—or this?" (Cartoon by Brunetti.)



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SNAKE EDUCATION

Pin-up girls may be easier to glamourize but a campaign to acquaint Floridians with the virtues of the usually repulsive snakes, toads, skunks and lizards is bringing results in staying many hands ready to reach for club or gun. With the exception of the three poisonous species, snakes and their ugly kin are not only harmless but highly beneficial.

A lot of snakes are wandering around this spring in search of food and to the uninitiated they all look more or less alike. However, the only reptiles that should be killed in Florida are the rattlers (largely attended to by the common black snake), the moccasins and corals and, in North Florida, an occasional copperhead. By learning to recognize these three species, folks can forget the rest and let them alone to carry on their good work as valuable destroyers of rodents and insects.

Watermelon growers know how destructive mice can be, it being estimated that 20 mice per acre can entirely de-

stroy a planting of watermelons. They eat the seeds and in addition store large supplies for future use.

Another only recently appreciated doer of good is the much maligned skunk. He is a great destroyer of insects, especially those which live in the soil, such as the white grubs. While the odor of the skunk can't be defended and the fluid is painful and even serious if it gets in an eye, and it must be admitted they like poultry, still this slow-moving, conspicuous animal can easily be avoided and chickens can be safely penned. The good the polecat does far outweighs its disadvantages.

The old superstition that toads cause warts on humans is as groundless as the fear many have of them. The ill-smelling "negro bugs," those black, hard-shelled insects that are attracted to lights, are a favorite food of the toad. Since the larvae, which live in the ground, are a crop menace, the fact that the toad is undiscriminating enough to eat this smelly insect shows how valuable a destroyer he is. Another fine dish for him is the cutworm, one of the most destructive pests in gardens and truck fields.

Frogs are less worth to the farmer since they are usually not found very far from water. But the little "tree toads," which are really frogs, are extremely valuable as almost their entire diet consists of insects in trees or shrubs. All Florida lizards, too, are completely harmless. They are especially fond of flies, thus keeping down a dangerous nuisance.

Farmers and informed gardeners recognize the worth of these plug-uglies but the general public is prejudiced against them. In the schools, however, children are being taught to identify the poisonous snakes and to spare the others for the valuable work they do. With farm organizations and state agencies promoting this education it may be that in due time credit will be given to creatures now held in undeserved disrepute.—Ft. Myers News-Press.

DOUBLE SURPRISE

When the nylon scramble was the sole topic of the hour we met a woman who insists she had worn the same pair of stockings for ten years. "Every winter," she explained, "I knit new feet in them, and every summer I knit new tops for them, and you'd be surprised how much wear you can get out of a pair of stockings that way." We would, and we would be even more greatly surprised on hearing that even a single other woman was following her example.—Huron Expositor.

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HOW ABOUT CHATTAHOOCHEE?

Recent issues of two national magazines contained startling disclosures of the conditions that prevail in many State hospitals for the insane.

Neither article mentioned the Florida hospital but Gov. Millard Caldwell has given the public some unpalatable facts about conditions at Chattahoochee.

From time to time disturbing reports trickle out from that institution which create the suspicion that there is room for improvement in the treatment of inmates there. Possibly these suspicions are unfounded but there is little ground for belief that the Florida hospital is doing more than most others throughout the country toward the cure of mental diseases.

Betterment of the physical facilities for the care of Florida's unfortunate insane is now in sight with the completion of improvements planned at Chattahoochee and the establishment of a new hospital in South Florida.

But what about the type of care the inmates are receiving? The public is entitled to know.

Recently the governor and his cabinet received the report of a survey of the State's prison system, made by a representative of the Federal Bureau of Prisons at the request of Governor Caldwell. It was a most revealing report that should lead to badly-needed reforms in the handling of Florida prisoners.

A disinterested survey of the hospital for the insane might prove of equal value. If people are being kept indefinitely in that institution, who might be restored to useful lives with proper treatment, it is a matter for concern by the taxpayers. Humanitarian as well as financial questions are involved. Such an investigation could not cost a great deal of money and it might possibly save a great deal.

A sufficient demand on the part of the public would very likely bring action along this line on the part of State officials.—Palm Beach Times.

FIGHT IT OUT GALS

Do you remember the good old days when the women were struggling for woman suffrage? How they argued that

it would "purify politics"? And how the men laughed at them?

Well, the laugh was on the men because in 1920 the 19th amendment to the constitution was adopted which declares that "the right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex."

But, don't pay any attention to the men. Turn to what a woman says of her own sex: Mrs. Mollie Murdaugh, of the Wholesale Credit Women's Club of Memphis, that "except in rare and isolated instances they have never used the ballot to accomplish the high purpose they promised."

Don't throw that skillet at us, madame! You ladies fight it out!—Savannah Morning News.

REDISTRIBUTION OF WEALTH

If all the money now in circulation in the United States were equally divided, each American would have \$200.30—for a little while, at least.

Given their share, some of those who haven't that much now would gamble it away before sunrise; some would drink it up pretty quickly. Some would bank it in a savings account; some would invest it for rapid turnovers. Some would lose their shirts; some would immediately begin achieving lasting prosperity.

Eventually, the money would be redistributed just about as it is at present, with the foolish and the unfortunate dependent upon the lucky and the wise. Mere possession of money is not enough; there has got to be ability to handle it.—Lakeland Ledger.

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Of course, all these things will cost money but the governor thinks \$1,500,000 a year would not be too much for the State of Florida to spend to protect the health of its residents and visitors.—Palm Beach Post.

Humane Policy

Every prospective member of the 1947 legislature should give most serious consideration to the public health recommendations made by Governor Caldwell to the people of Florida.

The governor enunciated a humane program. He formulated a public policy designed to cope with a grave problem of state.

It was not a politically inspired message. In fact, the governor was frank in stating facts that some of us don't care to hear about our state and which certain misguided Floridians would hide, in the fond delusion that concealment will serve as well as open examination looking toward a cure.

Neither was the governor's policy dictated by a visionary excursion into "state medicine." Let not the rabid

opponents of "socialized medicine" so accuse Governor Caldwell. He dealt candidly with our failure to care adequately for the public health. He marshaled his facts to prove our deplorable inefficiencies. He called upon the people of Florida in their individual and the commonwealth's interest to supply the funds to correct conditions.

Governor Caldwell is quite conservative in recommending that the State should allot \$1,500,000 to public health. It was his belief that this appropriation, coupled with available federal, county and city funds, would provide a \$2 per capita health program, putting us abreast of some of the most progressive states in this field.

The objective is of imperative urgency. Our own personal selfish interests dictate that we solidly support the Governor's leadership. It should, however, be our pleasure to accept the program for the higher and nobler purpose set out by the Governor: "Carelessness, neglect, inertia are as destructive as machine guns. We must not allow people to die because we lack the energy, the initiative or the loyalty to do something about it."

The doing rests with our legislators. Let us see that they do it.—Miami Herald.

CONGRATULATIONS, SIMS AND SINCLAIR!

Our congratulations to Governor Millard Fillmore Caldwell on the wisdom he displayed in his choice of our good friend, Harris G. Sims, editor of the Lakeland Ledger, for a two-years' term on the Florida Institute of Gov-

ernment, authorized by the 1945 legislature. No doubt the rest of the appointees—W. D. Jones, Jr., Jacksonville, Mrs. T. P. Caldwell, Coral Gables, A. C. Blount, Pensacola, and C. F. Ausley, Tallahassee—are capable and worthy, too, but we are not as well acquainted with them or their qualifica-

tions as with Friend Harris, whom we consider an excellent choice for the position. We also extend him congratulations and know that he will add prestige—not to mention dignity—to the new board, which by its very nature holds promise of becoming one of the most influential and responsible government agencies.

We also note with pleasure that Caldwell made another mighty good choice when he named Sheriff DeWitt W. Sinclair of Polk county a member of the new Institute's advisory committee. DeWitt is one of our fellow Havenites who has made good in a big way as chief law enforcement officer of our county and is today recognized as one of the outstanding officials in any county in Florida. There are 10 members on the advisory group and we know Sinclair will creditably represent his county and its law enforcement department in its deliberations and in its capacity as advisor to the Institute.

The institute will fill a long-felt want in the governmental circles of the Peninsular State and our best wishes are extended for a long and useful service to Florida.—Winter Haven Herald.

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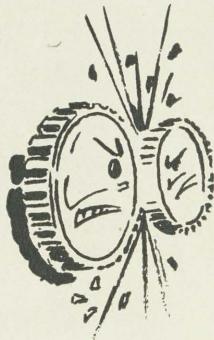
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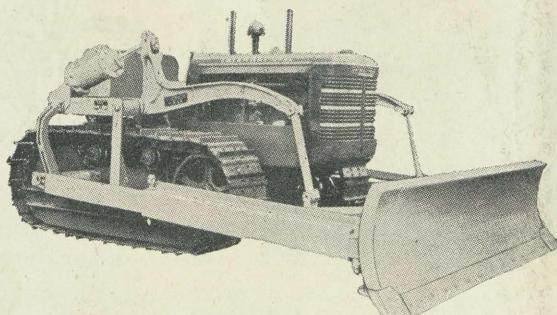
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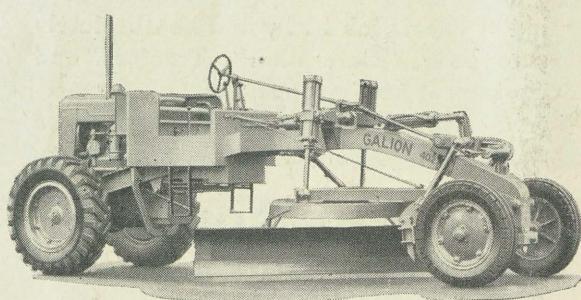
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